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**Humboldt Library Foundation Grants Library \$90,000**

The Humboldt Library Foundation recently presented a check for \$90,000 to the Humboldt County Library. The grant funds include \$50,000 for new books and materials, including the McNaughton series that brings new titles to all the branches, and funds to rebuild the library’s “Do It Yourself” collection. \$40,000 is being used to fund the development of a five year strategic plan.

“HLF was pleased to make a significant contribution toward the materials budget again this year. These dollars, raised from across the county, help the library remain a rich resource for families and individual patrons,” said HLF Board President Elizabeth Murguia. “We were also pleased to be able to fund the development of a 5-year strategic plan that will ensure the Library is meeting the needs of the communities it serves,” she added.

The strategic planning process is being guided by library consultant Susan Hildreth. Susan has had a distinguished career. She was appointed by President Obama to serve as the director of the National Institute of Library and Museum Sciences, from 2011- 2015. She is the former California State Librarian and City Librarian of both Seattle and San Francisco and is currently a fellow with the Aspen Institute. She brings a wealth of talent and experience in helping to develop an effective strategic plan for the library.

Nick Wilczek, Humboldt County Library Director notes, “The Humboldt Library Foundation’s financial support plays a huge role in the success of the library. This most recent grant for \$90,000 will fund the purchase of new books and a make sure future library services meet the needs of communities across the county. On behalf of the Humboldt County Library and our community, I’d like to offer a huge “Thank you” to the Humboldt Library Foundation.”



*Caption: HCL Director, Nick Wilczek and HLF Treasurer, Susan O'Connor*

The annual grant was based on funds raised by HLF in 2018. Contributions come from the ever popular Buy A Book campaign, board and gala sponsorships, gifts given in memory and honor, and grants from community businesses and organizations made to HLF.

Since its inception in 1996, HLF has issued annual grants to the library totaling over \$1,200,556.

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 online).

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

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