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"Humboldt Library Foundation presents Library \$65,000"

In its annual grant to the Humboldt County Library, the Humboldt Library Foundation presented a \$65,000 check for the calendar year, 2015.

The grant targets \$28,000 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 \$2,000 for staff development, \$1,500 to the Children's Author's Festival, \$13,000 for a state of the art self check-out machine and \$7,000 for library patrons computer stations and Note Books.

The grant was based on funds raised by HLF in 2015. 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, "The Humboldt Library Foundation celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Over the last two decades 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 \$961,000. 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 now provide about a third of the annual book budget as well as monies for upgrades, branch support and more. We couldn't have done it without the generous support of the entire community."

County Librarian Victor Zazueta added, "The Library is deeply appreciative of the support we receive from HLF. Each year their grant boosts our book budget, and helps to improve program and services for patrons across the county."

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. 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 <u>www.humboldtlibraryfoundation.org</u>.

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