

HLF News



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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 checkout machine; and \$7,000 for library patrons' computer stations and notebooks.

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 20th 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 added, "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 programs 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 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 humboldtlibraryfoundation.org.

From the President's Desk *by Elizabeth Murguia*



*"Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul
And sings the tune without the words
And never stops at all."*

No. 254, Emily Dickinson

Leading up to the New Year, two books found their way to my bedside table that shared a common theme - death of a loved one and the seemingly irreconcilable grief that follows. But the beautiful and thoughtful treatment of loss by these skillful writers transforms the experience and simply lead to a richer and deeper understanding about all life - or maybe how to find hope, as Emily Dickinson so beautifully speaks.

Picking up Ann Tyler's *The Beginner's Goodbye* was like greeting an old friend. It had been some time since I'd dipped into one of her Baltimore stories, but this is such a satisfying read that I regretted that I had let so many years pass by. Tyler's 'muffled' male protagonists have always appealed to me, their tenderness and vulnerability, and the nuance with which she captures loss and the restorative powers of love, ring true in the unfolding life of Aaron following the sudden and accidental death of his wife. Told with humor, wisdom and delicacy, you come to know Aaron, his eccentric family and friends, revel in the absurdity of the family's vanity publishing business, a series developed 'to guide beginner's through the trials of life.' You may weep but most assuredly laugh with utter pleasure as Aaron moves forward.

"The hawk had filled the house with wildness as a bowl of lilies fills a house with scent. It was about to begin," writes Helen Macdonald, the English writer and poet, in *H Is for Hawk*. In the aftermath of the devastating loss of her father, Macdonald's journey to recovery takes your breath away - like the soaring and vivid descriptions of the *Goshawk* she trains. According to one reviewer, this is a book with the heft of hawks and the lingering bouquet of death. She delves into the history of falconry, and takes you deep into the tormented life of T.H. White, author of *The Once and Future King* (who knew you cared, but you will). Do not mistake - a goshawk is not a falcon; this raptor is more fierce and more intense and demands greater determination by the trainer. In this case the author, who also digs deep into her own devastation, then soars back to reclaim life.

Book Blurb

By Pam Cavanagh, HLF Board Member

How often have you contemplated how your life might have taken a different path had you met a different person or hadn't taken that job or had been born to the parents of your best friend?

Kate Atkinson's *Life After Life* explores similar life changing circumstances through her intriguing protagonist Ursula Todd. Ursula is a remarkable character of tremendous depth. Early in the novel the reader recognizes Ursula is an "old soul." On a bitterly cold February night in 1910, Ursula is born to Hugh and Sylvie Todd at Fox Corner. Place and time play important parts in the progression of the story. The narrative carries Ursula, her family and friends through two World Wars. All the while the story resonates with Ursula's uncanny sense of previously experiencing certain events or at the very least having knowledge of them.

Life After Life is a brilliantly written novel melding fascinating characters with events resulting in a thoroughly engaging story. As a reader, I gave myself to the story and accepted how it unfolds. A thought provoking read with the premise "What if...?"

Life After Life

Kate Atkinson

Published 2013. 525 pages

Donor Spotlight—Judy and Jim Anderson

Dazzled by the breadth of their involvement in our community, I enjoyed sitting down to talk with Jim and Judy Anderson recently.

Jim describes Judy as being either an ‘avid’ or ‘voracious’ reader, he’s not sure which, but does attest that she devours books by the stack. She freely admits to preferring the feel of a book, the texture and pure pleasure of it. Raised in the idyllic community of Packanack Lake, NJ, Judy says, “We swam all summer and skated all winter.” She recalls, too, the ‘polio’ summer with no swimming allowed. Instead she dove into books from the public library.

Later, marriage brought her to Chula Vista, and then Pleasanton, CA. While in Pleasanton, now with young children, she worked at the Livermore Public Library and still relishes the memory of presenting the Children’s Story Hour. It was during this time that she returned to school and earned a paralegal certificate. A chance meeting through a mutual friend resulted in a brief stint at the Fortuna law firm of Harland & Gromala before returning to the Bay Area. But it was taste enough.

She loved Humboldt County and seized the opportunity two years later to move north with her sons, where she began 20 years with Janssen, Malloy, a Eureka law firm. It was a rich and highly satisfying career with room, and encouragement, to fully participate in community life.

And participate she did – initially on the board of the Adult Soccer League, and as a volunteer at Six Rivers Planned Parenthood. At SRPP she moved to the Gala Committee, to the board and a stint as board president; today she serves as a member of the local Planned Parenthood NorCal Board of Advocates. In addition, Judy has shown her deep commitment to family and the arts by serving on the boards and as president of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Ferndale Repertory Theater and Food for People. She was a Big Sister to three Little Sisters and has been a member of HLF board since 2009.

Jim says that when it comes to libraries, he tags along with Judy. That belies a very successful aca-

ademic and business career. He hails from Illinois, but a family move to California as a teenager led to a degree from Cal Berkeley in 1954. (He still frequently sports a Cal sweatshirt.) He joined the Navy and was soon among the ranks of NAVCAD, learning to fly as a commissioned officer. He earned his wings in Pensacola, FL, then to Texas for advanced training. He joined the VP47 Squadron out of Alameda, flew the massive P5M2 Sea Plane, toured Japan and spent his last Navy months on the Kwajalein



Atoll, part of the Marshall Islands. After securing his CPA certificate, he moved his young family to Humboldt County as a partner in the Fortuna accounting firm, Rodrique and Anderson. He remembers the move vividly because it was two days prior to the disastrous 1964 flood and his family was marooned. It didn’t take Jim long to become involved in community affairs; joining the boards of the Fortuna Rodeo Assoc. and Redwood Memorial Hospital; he was a co-founder of the Jaycees, then on to the Fortuna Chamber of Commerce. In the ensuing years, Jim greatly broadened activities, serving on the boards and often as president of the Humboldt Arts

Council, Area 1 Agency on Aging, Humboldt Senior Resource Center, Eureka Chamber of Commerce, KEET, Southwest Eureka Rotary and the Humboldt Area Foundation. Jim retired in 2001, but has continued his commitment to our community.

Jim and Judy were married in 1991 and have blended their families, enjoying children and grandchildren. They became members of HLF’s Legacy Circle in the hope that one day the value of the endowment would reach \$2,500,000 thereby enabling HLF to donate \$100,000 annually to Humboldt County libraries in perpetuity. They share a passion for the mission of the library to provide free access to information and treasure.

For me, it was a delight to get to know them better and to learn about Packanack Lake and Kwajalein Atoll. Who wouldn’t want to write down those two name places, given the chance? Thanks, Judy and Jim, for inspiring, for giving so much and for being members of the HLF Legacy Circle.

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If you enjoy reading magazines and are looking for convenience, easy access and affordability then you need to learn more about Zinio, the latest resource available to card holders of the Humboldt County Library. The Library now offers digital access to Zinio, “The World’s Largest Newsstand,” containing many of today’s most popular magazines. Through the Library website patrons have unlimited multi-user access to complete digital magazines, which can easily be viewed on most Internet-enabled devices. Zinio recreates a magazine page for page, including full color pictures, navigation, key word article search and interactive elements such as audio and video. The breadth of the collection includes magazines focused on news, art, home, lifestyle, science, technology, sports, travel, entertainment, food and so much more! There’s something for everyone, including adults and children. National Geographic, Food Network, Wired, Discover, Yoga Journal, Popular Science, American Girl Magazine, Cricket, ESPN and Newsweek are just a few of the popular titles available.

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To access Zinio go to the Library’s website at www.humlib.org, click on eBooks then click on the link for Zinio. For more information please contact the Reference Desk at 707-269-1905.



Miscellany

Check out the **Main Branch Library Kiosk**—the Open Hours signage has been refreshed and the panels cleaned up and updated. Special thanks goes to HLF Board Member Sara Traphagen and her indefatigable husband and sign expert, Dave Duda.

The **2015 Holiday Gala** was a whopping success! What a pleasure it was to honor the recently retired Children’s Librarian, JoAnn Bauer. We sold out the house, so thank you to all the sponsors, the auction donors and the tried and true library lovers. It was great fun and we’re already planning next year – mark your calendars for the first Monday in December.

April 10th thru 16th is National Library Week

This year's National Library Week theme is Libraries Transform, reminding all Americans that today’s libraries are not just about what we have for people, but what we do for and with people. Take time to check out your local library – check out a book, use a computer, download a magazine or take a friend or family in to get a library card! On April 5th, HLF will report to the Humboldt County Supervisors on grants made to the library this year and provide a brief historical perspective.

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Buy a Book Campaign

This year the Humboldt Library Foundation's 'Buy A Book' campaign has targeted the Children's non-fiction collection. While storybooks, chapter books and fiction for children are chock full with new and timeless titles, the non-fiction is out of date.

Non-Fiction Children's Collection, What's Possible!

- New maps, new geography, explore the ocean floor or the highest peak. Kids are naturally curious and with new materials we can foster even more interest.
- Know a child crazy about space travel, the universe, why stars shine in the night? New books will spark the curiosity of the youngest.
- Dinosaurs fascinate and reptiles intrigue, or is it bugs under rocks that interest your youngster? New interactive and colorful materials will provide a greater understanding of the world around us.

Did You Know?

- The library circulated over 667,000 items last year.
- There are currently 98,856 library cardholders in Humboldt County; 18,507 are held by youth.

So make your donation today. Use the enclosed envelope, or please visit our website at www.humboldtlibraryfoundation.org and use the Donate button. Buy A Book today to honor or in memory of a friend.

1 Book ~ \$25

2 Books ~ \$50

3 Books ~ \$75

4 Books ~ \$100

Buy A Shelf ~ \$500

"Libraries are reservoirs of strength, grace and wit, reminders of order, calm and continuity, lakes of mental energy, neither warm nor cold, light nor dark.... In any library in the world, I am at home, unselfconscious, still and absorbed."

Germaine Greer

HLF Legacy Circle

*Join members of the Legacy Circle.
Remember HLF in your will or estate plans.*

The HLF Legacy Circle is made up of individuals who have remembered the Humboldt Library Foundation in their will or estate planning. Their gift will grow the HLF Endowment Fund, a long term strategy to enhance the library services in perpetuity.

For every new Legacy Circle member added during 2016, Ed Olsgard and Michele McKeegan will match the commitment with a \$250 contribution. So please consider today - planning now will provide immediate and long-term support for the public library.

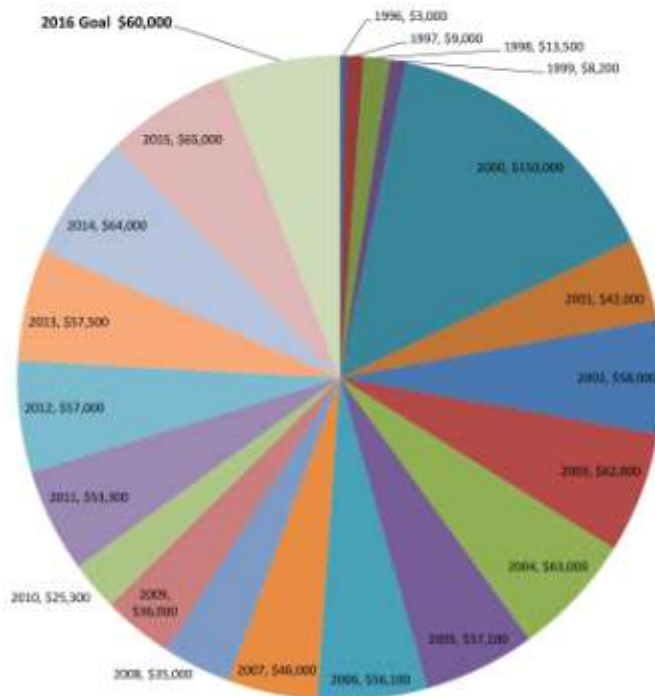
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HLF 20th Anniversary

Yes, that's right. HLF was formed in November, 1996. For two decades we've been celebrating the library by raising funds throughout the community and then by enjoying the pure fun of making annual grants. As noted in our cover story, we've brought in a total of \$1.8 million, made grants in the amount of \$961,000, have added donor advised funds and continued to build the HLF Endowment Fund. We've set a grant goal to reach \$1.2 million in 2016. See how your contributions made the difference and help us reach the magic number of \$60,000 in 2016.

**Humboldt Library Foundation Grants to the Library
HELP US MEET THE 2016 GOAL!
20th Anniversary Goal= \$1.2 Million
* 1996-2015= \$961,000
*2016 Goal= \$60,000**



“A library is a good place to go when you feel unhappy, for there, in a book, you may find encouragement and comfort. A library is a good place to go when you feel bewildered or undecided, for there, in a book, you may have your question answered.”

E. B. White



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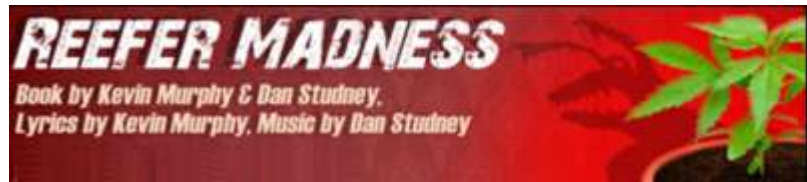
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Saturday, May 21, 8 pm

Tickets: \$25

Inspired by the original 1936 propaganda film of the same name, this raucous musical comedy takes a tongue-in-cheek look at the hysteria caused when clean-cut kids fall prey to marijuana, leading them on a hysterical downward spiral filled with evil jazz music, sex and violence. You won't be able to resist the spoofy fun of *Reefer Madness*. Musical numbers range from Broadway-style showstoppers to swing tunes. It's a highly stylized and satirical political commentary. Adult humor.



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