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"Humboldt Library Foundation Presents Library \$35,000"

Pictured from left: HLF Vice President Judy Anderson, HCL staff members Ronda Wittenberg, Michael Logan and Jeanine Lancaster

The Humboldt Library Foundation recently presented a \$35,000 check to county librarians for 2018. The grant targets \$25,000 for the children's non-fiction and \$10,000 for new books and best sellers at all the branch libraries, a continuation of the popular McNaughton program.

"We're excited about the new books for youth that will be added to the Humboldt County Library collection thanks to the Humboldt Library Foundation's efforts and the generosity of local supporters," said Youth Services Librarian, Janine Lancaster. "Children, and their teachers and family members will have exciting new ideas and information to discover, and projects to try for themselves."

The annual grant was based on funds raised by HLF in 2017. 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.

"We know the public library helps to fuel young minds and inspires the imagination of children. To expand those opportunities, library staff set a goal to build up the non-fiction collection and we were able to make a significant difference this year," said Elizabeth Murguia, President of the Humboldt Library Foundation. "Our grant for books is a two pronged effort, and \$10,000 will match funds for adult fiction and non-fiction at all branches, and there is more to come," she added. According to Murguia, HLF has also set aside an additional \$22,000 for the library this year and will target those funds when the new county librarian is on board.

Since its inception in 1996, HLF has issued annual grants to the library totaling over \$1,066,000.

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 www.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).

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