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Pictured from left to right are: Elizabeth Murguia – Humboldt Library Foundation President, Victor Zazueta – Director of Library Services, Humboldt County Library and Marge Custis – Humboldt Library Foundation Vice President.

## "Humboldt Library Foundation presents Library \$56,000"

In its annual grant to the Humboldt County Library, the Humboldt Library Foundation presented a \$56,230 check for the calendar year, 2015. The grant targets \$50,000 for new books and materials to be circulated system-wide, sets aside \$4,230 for matching grants to branch libraries to purchase popular titles for local patrons and provides \$2,000 for staff development.

"These funds represent nearly one third of the library's book budget," said Elizabeth Murguia, HLF President. "Every dollar our donors provide is a boost to the budget and to the enjoyment of patrons across the county."

"The library relies on the annual grant from HLF to expand our collection and meet the growing demands of patrons across the county," said director of library services, Victor Zazueta. "We deeply appreciate the foundation's ongoing efforts and extend our thanks to everyone who contributes throughout the year," he added.

The grant was based on funds raised by HLF in 2014. Contributions come from the ever popular Buy A Book campaign, board and gala sponsorships and gifts given in memory and honor.

The Humboldt County Library strives to meet the needs of library patrons across the county. With nearly 95,000 library cardholders, over 667,000 items were loaned last year. Circulation is up in all of the branches, the public computers are always in use and the children's library and young adult section are bustling with activity. In addition to the thousands of books the library offers, there is access to free E-books and audio books, a large print collection, movies, music and books on DVDs.

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).

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