

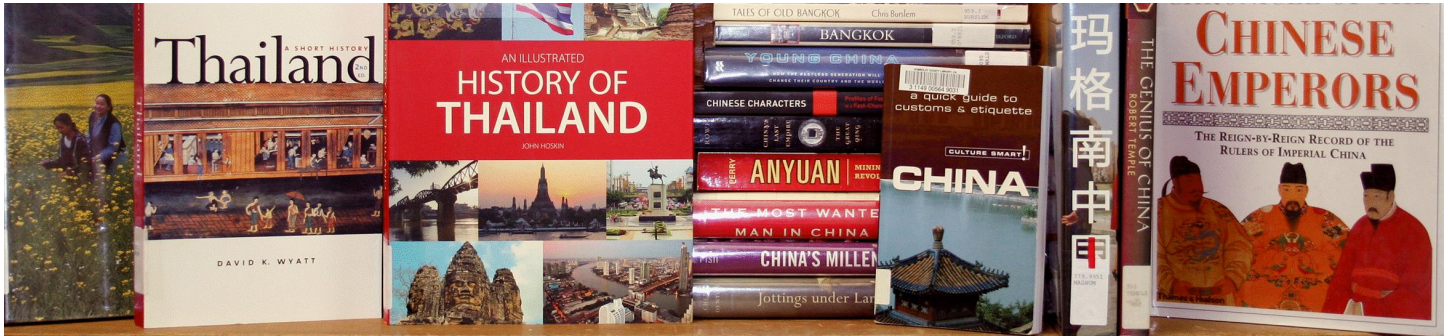
## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**Arm Chair Travel? Library Builds Asia Collection  
HLF Disburses Hun Kwan Goh Memorial Book Fund**



The Humboldt Library Foundation (HLF) recently disbursed \$1,200 to the Humboldt County Library to build its collection of materials on China, Thailand and Asia. Thanks to the generosity of a donor who created the fund to honor his family's heritage and to further cultural understanding of Asia, the annual disbursement brings the total for this purpose to \$15,700.

Dr. Vis and Sally Upatisringa established the Hun Kwan Goh Memorial Book Fund to honor the memory of Vis's father, an active business and community leader in Thailand. The HLF donor advised fund has allowed the library to purchase books and other materials about China, Thailand and other countries of Asia. To date, nearly five hundred volumes have been added to the library's collection.

"The Hun Kwan Goh Memorial Book Fund has been and continues to be an extraordinary resource for our community. This year, as most of our traveling is of the armchair variety, the HKG collection enables the Library to bring part of the world right here to Humboldt County. The art, history, language, cinema, cuisine, and geography of Thailand, China, and Asia in general are open for your exploration—both physically and digitally—all thanks to this generous endowment," said Michael Logan, Director of Acquisitions and Technical Services at the Humboldt County Library.

The Humboldt Library Foundation (HLF) formed in 1996 to build financial support for the Humboldt County Library system, which includes the Main Library, ten branches and a bookmobile that serves fourteen rural communities. HLF raises funds in the community and makes direct annual grants to the library to help purchase new materials add programming and provide technology upgrades. Since its inception, HLF has provided over \$1.4 million in grants to the library.

Donations of any size are welcome. If you wish to create a donor advised fund or want more information on the Humboldt Library Foundation and how you can give, visit our website [www.humboldtlibraryfoundation.org](http://www.humboldtlibraryfoundation.org), 'like' us on Facebook, or call the HLF office at (707) 269-1991.

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