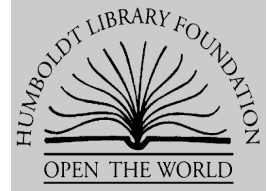


HILF News



Humboldt Library Foundation Awards \$33,000 to Humboldt County Libraries

All of Humboldt County's libraries and patrons will benefit from \$33,000 in grants recently awarded to the Humboldt County Library from the Humboldt Library Foundation.

The grants will be used to purchase books and a microfiche reader, help to expand a branch facility, and improve access for patrons with disabilities.

"Without the Humboldt Library Foundation's support, these items would need to be covered with other funds or would not be funded at all. The support of the Humboldt Library Foundation for the Humboldt County Library System is deeply appreciated," said Victor Zazueta, Library Services director.

Since it was formed in 1996, the Foundation has contributed almost \$600,000 to the library system.

"Each year, the Humboldt Library Foundation makes grants to the county library system to put more books on the shelves, improve programs and services in all of the branches. We raise funds throughout the year and appreciate the generous response from supporters and patrons of the library," said HLF President, Elizabeth Murguia.

"The public library system is profoundly important – and particularly in today's tough economy, our libraries offer resources to help people find jobs and learn new skills. Families, parents, seniors and kids find entertainment and information, access the public internet stations, and come to find their place in the community. You only need to visit a branch on any given day and you will witness their value," she added.

HLF has one major fundraiser every year to raise most of the money for the grants. The Library Gala in December netted more than \$30,000. Coast Central Credit Union was the 2009 honoree. It was the first business to receive the Helen Everett Award for its support of the library. The Helen Everett Award was established to recognize individuals or organizations whose contributions improve the quality of public library services in Humboldt County. Everett was a librarian at Humboldt State University and was a founding member of the committee that worked to build the Main Library which opened in Eureka in 1995.

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HLF grant funds will replace this out-dated, often out-of-order machine.

My library was
dukedom large enough.

- *Shakespeare, The Tempest*

2010 HUMBOLDT LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS



2010 Humboldt Library Foundation Board of Directors Back row L to R: Allan Katz, Kelly Sanders, Gerry Kay Davis, Susan O'Connor, Peter LaVallee, Sara Traphagen, Robert Taborski. Seated L to R : Leslie Lollich, Judy Anderson, Marge Custis, Teddie Lyons. Not pictured: Elizabeth Murguia, Buzz Webb, Nancy Frost, Sid Noyes

Judy Anderson was a paralegal with the Janssen Law Firm for 20 years before retiring in 2003. She has served on the boards of a number of nonprofits in Humboldt County. She and her husband, Jim, live in Eureka. Judy is serving her first term.

Marge Custis is a founding member of HLF. She moved here with her husband and children in 1966 and part of her husband's job was community involvement. Max was on the shy side and asked if Marge could take on that responsibility. The rest is history. We'd list the organizations she's involved in or has been involved in but it would take the rest of the newsletter. Marge received the HLF Helen Everett Award in 2007. She believes in the ability of libraries to positively impact the lives of children and young adults by providing them with a place to read and find information.

Gerry Kay Davis is a Member Services Branch Manager for Coast Central Credit Union. Gerry is a Humboldt County native and has lived in Alaska, Hawaii and Massachusetts. She lives in McKinleyville with her husband, Jim. She has twin daughters, Marie and Jannette, and a son Jeff. Gerry is serving her first term

Nancy Frost an Emeritus faculty from HSU, former chair and professor of Child Development. She has served as a commissioner with First 5 Humboldt and is currently serving the Garfield School District on the Board of Trustees. Nancy is active with the Redwood Empire Quilt Guild and an avid quilter. Nancy is serving her first term on the HLF Board,.

Allan Katz retired recently after 30+ years in the nonprofit world. He lives in Eureka with his wife Marylee Bytheriver, who is executive director of Hospice of Humboldt, and his full time personal trainer and licensed therapist Joe Bob, a border collie (mostly, we think). Allan serves on several local and statewide boards, reads too much detective fiction, and is working on honing his cooking skills. Allan has just begun his first term on the board.

Peter LaVallee has been the director of the Youth Services Division of Redwood Community Action Agency for 26 years. He served as Mayor of Eureka from 2002-2006. He lives in

Eureka with his wife Nancy. Peter is serving his 2nd term.

Leslie Lollich is a Public Education and Outreach Officer for the Humboldt County Dept. of Health and Human Services. Lollich spent about 20 years in TV and radio news and worked briefly for the Volunteer Center of the Redwoods. She lives in Eureka with her husband, Paul Allen and has two sons, Nick and Nate. Leslie is serving her third term

Teddie Lyons is a retired school administrator. She lives with her husband Jon on Kneeland and has three grown children, Krista, Heather and Jon. She also has two wonderful grandsons, Andrew and Peter. Teddie believes that public libraries are a community resource to be supported and cherished. Teddie is serving her first term on the HLF Board.

Elizabeth Murguia She is the district representative for Congressman Mike Thompson and is a member of the California Library Board. She has been in the forefront of library fundraising in Humboldt County for over 30 years. The mother of four and grandmother of nine, she lives in Eureka, is a gardener, voracious reader and loves to entertain. Liz is president and co-founder of the Humboldt Library Foundation.

Sid Noyes joined the HLF Board in March 2006, continuing a family tradition of supporting local libraries. As a CPA, and managing partner of the Corsetti & Noyes accounting firm in Henderson Center, Sid recognizes the importance of a modern healthy library system. He lives in Eureka with his wife, Diana Renner Noyes. Both are avid cyclists but really enjoy a good book in the evening while resting tired legs.

Susan O'Connor, of Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc., has been a Certified Financial Planner in Eureka since 1987. She has loved libraries and books for as long as she can remember. Libraries truly "open the world" to all. She lives in Eureka with her husband, Tim. Susan is serving her fifth term.

Kelly Sanders is a life long resident of Humboldt County. She graduated from HSU with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Kelly is employed as the Elections Manager for the County of Humboldt, and resides in Bayside with her husband Neal. She has been a member of HLF since 2005.

Robert Taborski has lived in Eureka and worked for Coast Central Credit Union for over 22 years and is the AVP, Member Services. He was on the Sequoia Park Zoo Society Board for over 10 years and has been on the Humboldt Library Foundation Board for five years. Prior to Coast Central Credit Union, Robert worked for Wells Fargo Bank for 19 years and Union Safe Deposit Bank for 3 years, both in the Central Valley area. Robert is serving his second term

Sara Traphagen is owner of Traphagen Design which is an interior design business serving residential and commercial clients since 1988. She lives in Eureka with her husband Dave Duda who also volunteers for HLF doing graphic artwork and helping with library events. Sara is serving her second term.

Edward "Buzz" Webb retired as Vice President of Student Affairs at HSU and served more than 35 years within the California State University system. He has been a volunteer for the Food Bank, the Humboldt Literacy Program and Planned Parenthood. He lives in McKinleyville with his wife Judy. They have two daughters and six granddaughters. Buzz is a new member serving his first year on the HLF Board.

HUMBOLDT LIBRARY FOUNDATION CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL "BUY A BOOK" CAMPAIGN

In 2009 the Humboldt Library Foundation (HLF) joined with Arcata Artisans to kick off National Library Month with a new Fund Raising campaign BUY A BOOK. The Arcata Artisans donated art work to make bookmarks that were distributed to friends of HLF and to library patrons throughout the county. Each branch and the book mobile distributed the free bookmarks promoting the *Buy A Book* campaign.

The response to the campaign has been amazing. Two sets of Arcata Artisan bookmarks have been issued along with a special bookmark for the annual Holiday Gala. Supporters of HLF have responded by contributing over \$9900 to buy nearly 400 books.

Several contributors bought an entire shelf of books (\$500):

- Mac & Ann McClary (2 shelves)
- Richard Cogswell & Ester Saunoras
- Mona Beaver
- Robert & Nancy Gardner
- Mercer Fraser (Justin Zabel)

Books were purchased in honor of friends, in memory of loved ones and one grandmother purchased books to honor her three grandsons. Garfield School children raised \$100 for books. At Christmas time two groups and several individuals purchased books for the library in lieu of gifts for each other.

The latest set of bookmarks is now available (see page 6) and books may be purchased at any time -- With a \$25 contribution a book will be purchased for the library collection. Contribute in \$25 increments - you can even buy a shelf of books



The Jingle Belles contributed to HLF in lieu of Christmas gifts for each other

for \$500. Each book will bear a bookplate with your name or that of a person you wish to honor. You can contribute by mailing a check to Humboldt Library Foundation at PO Box 440 Eureka CA 95502 or by donating on line at our website humboldtlibraryfoundation.org.

LOCAL AUTHOR'S CORNER — PAMELA F SERVICE

Local children's author, Pam Service, has a particular fondness for the bi-annual Children's Author festival and the Humboldt County Library where it is held. It was the festival that first brought her here. Though a native Californian, for years she lived in Indiana where, besides writing she served on a city council and worked as a museum curator. One of the authors flown in for the festival, she loved the three day glimpse of the seacoast, redwoods and Eureka. Then at the 1999 Festival she learned about an opening for Director of Eureka's Clarke Museum. She's been a local author ever since.

About her specialty, science-fiction and fantasy, Service says, "escaping the stresses of everyday life into a world you control is appealing for any writer. The weird worlds I create are even more removed, but they allow young readers to see some truths about life in general from a non-threatening distance."

Currently, Service has 25 books on the shelves with several more coming. Her first novel, a futuristic Arthurian fantasy, has grown into a four book series. Her six book Alien Agent series features a young alien saving Earth from various dire threats. Other novels

include tales of alien invasions, a haunted theater, a skunk from outer space, and various time-slips between past, present and future. There are also four non-fiction history books for kids and one about Humboldt County history.



Service says she hangs out at our library a lot, but expects to do more soon. Her daughter, also a museum professional, is moving here drawn by a museum job in Fortuna and the proximity of grandparental babysitters.

"Grandma Service" expects that if there is anything to heredity, the twins will be leaving our library with stacks of books about other worlds and times. "Expanding the possibilities of reality," she says, "keeps everything fresh."

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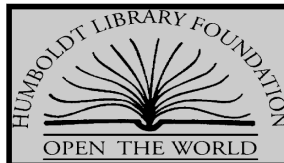
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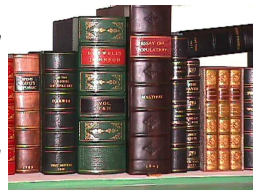
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- ◇ To learn more about how you can support HLF, contact Susan O'Connor, Treasurer at 442-1453

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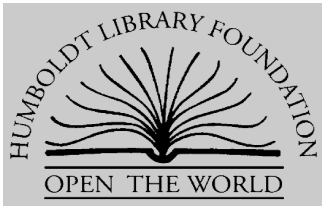


“Reading is the sole means by which we slip, involuntarily, into another’s skin, another’s voice, another’s soul.”
~ Joyce Carol Oates

Summer approaches and I find myself longing for a warm and languid day, the sound of water nearby and the pure luxury of a good read. Right now I’m immersed in Barbara Kingsolver’s new novel, *The Lacuna*, whose distant and slowly revealed protagonist is not only an emerging novelist, but provides passage to the exotic household of Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. There are sumptuous meals, exotic birds; they host Trotsky, fleeing the murderous Stalin. It doesn’t last. Travel by train to America, the Second World War, into a southern town, to a community united by a common threat and bound by pride to ration-books and sacrifice. Another time, another era to imagine.

Recently at the library, we had an opportunity to imagine another era here in Humboldt County. With generous underwriting by Pierson’s Building Center, HLF hosted local historian Jerry Rohde as he presented *A Look Behind the Redwood Curtain*, through the images of Eureka photographer, Merle Schuster. Starting in 1946, Schuster took hundreds of over-flight photos of new mills, log decks, tee pee burners and new housing tracts, revealing dramatic changes in the sloughs and mud flats around Humboldt Bay. This standing-room-only event produced audible gasps as we shared the crisp, clear and beautiful images Schuster captured from 1947 to 1955. Rohde provided a superb and insightful talk (a novelist in his own right) by helping us to see and interpret these remarkable photos. It was an opportunity to slip into another time, another era, another skin and help understand better where we came from and just perhaps, who we are to become.

We look forward to hosting similar events in the future. Stay tuned.



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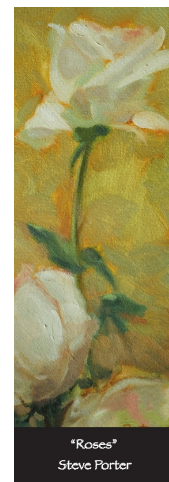
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