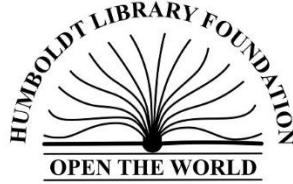


Humboldt Library Foundation Press Release



Humboldt Library Foundation Delivered a Whopping \$200,000 Last Year

In times of economic uncertainty and tight public budgets, private donations are more critical than ever to keep our libraries dynamic and welcoming. Last year, the Humboldt Library Foundation provided \$200,000 to fund programs, special projects, and to purchase books and materials for our local libraries.

“Through the generosity of our donors, we all help to provide that most essential public resource—free and equitable access to knowledge for all. Now, it is more important than ever that we pull together. The Foundation is enormously grateful to partner with fellow library devotees across the county,” said HLF Board President Alison Talbott.

The Foundation’s ongoing commitment reflects the fact that libraries remain vital community institutions. With more than 100,000 library cardholders countywide, usage is climbing—not declining—as residents continue to rely on their local branches for learning, connection, and access to information.

“We are so grateful for the generosity of the Humboldt Library Foundation and to everyone who has donated in support of the library”, said Corin Balkovek, Manager of Acquisitions and Technical Services. “The funds are essential to maintain collections of materials that are vibrant, current, and needed within our communities.”

Once again, the Foundation funded nearly two-thirds of the library’s book acquisition budget. It also provided funds for color printing at branch libraries, supported the Library’s First 5 partnership, purchased a genealogy laptop for family researchers, and helped sustain the digital collections and dynamic databases like OverDrive/Libby. The funds were also used to purchase a new microfilm scanner, new shelving for the Eel Valley branches and staff development opportunities.

“From the latest bestsellers to quality non-fiction that helps inform our patrons on topics rife with misinformation, to board and picture books to help inspire our youngest readers, the support from the Humboldt Library Foundation is what allows the Humboldt County Library to remain a critical resource for the communities we serve,” Balkovek added.

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