

HLF News

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Annual Holiday Gala – December 7th, 2015 2015 Helen Everett Award Honoree ~ JoAnn Bauer, Retired Children's Librarian

She oversaw the summer reading program, presided over hundreds of story hours, built an excellent children's collection for all the branches and brought the adorable Pajama Story Hour to the library. It was no wonder recently retired Children's Librarian JoAnn Bauer said with quiet enthusiasm, "I really did love my job." And much beloved she is. JoAnn retired in April of this year and she left an indelible mark upon the county library system and multiple generations of readers.

From an early age, JoAnn was a reader and always a patron of the public library. Her first job as a teenager was as a page at San Carlos Public Library; during college, she was the 'over-dues' clerk at Berkeley Public Library. Like many transplants to Humboldt, it was the lure of a simpler, rural life that brought the young family to Humboldt County. Her first position at the Humboldt County Library was gluing and repairing damaged books. Back in a book-lined building, she felt at home and inspired by the librarians she observed, who still found their work to be so fulfilling. The observation was enough to cast her fate; she pulled up stakes, went back to school and earned a Masters in Library Science.

Her return to the Humboldt County Library started innocuously enough: sorting and cataloging books from the former Eureka Branch and then cataloging the extensive Steenfott photo collection for the Humboldt Room. She spent two years at the Garberville Branch and in 1980 was hired as the Children's Librarian for the system.

For over thirty-five years, JoAnn affected many young lives, helped families and made sure services were extended to the farthest outreaches of the county. She established many of the library's most popular programs, including the Summer Reading Club, Story Hour and development of a rigorous Young Adult collection, including the Youth Advisory Council. Her regular columns in the Times Standard, reviewing children's literature, was a favorite for many teachers, parents and those who simply like good literature – no matter what the age.

When partnership with First Five Humboldt became a possibility, providing additional resources for young families and children 5 and under, JoAnn lead the library's effort to develop popular outreach programs,



such as Leap Into Literacy, Drumming Up A Story, Baby Sign Language, Parenting Workshops, Kindergarten Here I Come, Baby Read and Grow and many others. With two outreach specialists, the library partnered with over 20 child care/early childhood centers and provided 75 books per month and an innovative 'theme bag' that supports the reading materials. The program remains today and receives very high marks for its effectiveness in developing reading skills with the youngest among us.

JoAnn's love for her works is evident in conversation. "I was so energized," she said, "being the Children's Librarian was the best job in the world."

From the President's Desk *by Elizabeth Murguia*



"The greatest gift is the passion for reading. It is cheap, it consoles, it distracts, it excites, it gives you knowledge of the world and experience of a wide kind. It is a moral illumination."

Elizabeth Hardwick, author, critic, essayist ~ 1916 – 2007

My summer was awash with family and friends and my granddaughter's wedding -- witnessed and celebrated in my yard. It was magic and the memory of affection still lingers beautifully in the mind's eye and in one's heart. Not surprisingly, the preparation out-paced my reading, but I did dip into books that 'console, distract and excite', as Elizabeth Hardwick so beautifully expressed.

Gardening had overtaken my days, so I especially enjoyed Diane Ackerman's *Cultivating Delight: A Natural History of My Garden*. It is keen observation, fine writing and facts about the natural world that surprised, then absorbed as an 'aha' moment. It is a fine meditation that would satisfy any gardener who wonders why she enslaves herself to this never-ending routine: weed, it grows back; prune, water, dead-head, rearrange the landscape: it remains a puzzle. But for the seasoned gardener and reader who likes good garden writing, Ackerman makes you want to be more observant and become a better gardener.

For the music, and especially cello, aficionados, Eric Soblin's *The Cello Suites: J.S. Bach, Pablo Casals, and the Search for a Baroque Masterpiece* is a wonderful discovery. For the master of classical music this may be old hat, but not for me. Music history, literary and political history, Soblin weaves together the lives of Bach, Casals and his own experience of discovery. Divided into six chapters, each peeling back the history and music of the Six Cello Suits, this book will definitely have you looking for a recording.

I was also compelled back to Rebecca Solnit's *The Faraway Nearby*, a gem of a memoir, or should I say meditation on life, family and writing. It is a digging deep that reveals great natural wonders, or more accurately the puzzles, of the world. From ice caps, to Che Guevara to canning apricots and her mother's descent into Alzheimer's disease this is an unusual and extraordinary read.

Right now I'm well into *The Boys in the Boat*, by Daniel James Brown. You've seen it everywhere and if you haven't picked it up yet, do so. This is the riveting story of the 1936 US Olympic Crew Team who hailed from the Pacific Northwest's Washington State University. With the Great Depression for background, these young men come face to face with Hitler and the powerful Nazi propaganda machine. Well worth your time.



Inside Washington with Bill Press

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Humboldt Library Foundation

Bill Press is no stranger to Northern California. He lives part-time in Marin County. He is former Chief of Staff to State Senator Peter Behr (who represented the North Coast in the Legislature and authored the *California Wild Rivers* legislation, which provided state protection to the Eel, Trinity and Klamath rivers). Bill Press hosts a nationally-syndicated radio program, heard Monday through Friday on *KGOE-AM* in Eureka, and is the author of several highly praised books.

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2:00pm - 4:00pm

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Donor Spotlight—Dr. Vis & Sally Upatisringa

Library advocates, Dr. Vis & Sally Upatisringa have always loved books -- from the hefty set of encyclopedias treasured by Vis to Sally's obsession with mysteries. They are both retired teachers and libraries embody their democratic ideal - access to life-long learning. Sally has been one of Humboldt County's greatest library advocates. For many years, she chaired the fundraising campaign that built the new Main Branch Library in Eureka - an effort that lasted over a decade and involved thousands of hours of work, soliciting hundreds of supporters and working with many volunteers.

Vis is a retired professor of math from Humboldt State University; he attended primary school in Thailand and is a graduate of Chung Ling High School in Malaysia.

Sally's advocacy for libraries grew out of her life experience. As a young girl, a favorite summer day was the trip to the local library, coming home with armloads of books. While earning her degree at Oregon State, she studied children's literature and worked at the public library. Sally still marvels at the simple pleasure of families, children and individuals using and enjoying the public library.

Vis's rich educational experience, spanning continents and multiple languages, naturally under-

scores his passion for learning and the challenges it represents. His support for HLF has been so strong, that he endowed two of the very first funds established at Humboldt Library Foundation – the Hun Kwan Goh Memorial Book Fund, to honor his father, and the Elizabeth Murguia/Sally Upatisringa Fund, to honor both women for their work to raise funds to build the 'new' Main Branch in Eureka.



Vis and Sally were the earliest members of the HLF Legacy Circle and strongly encourage others to remember HLF in their estate planning. In 2014, Vis established the Sally Upatisringa Mystery Books Fund. Sally enjoys the genre, for nuance of place and history and pure reading pleasure. She checks them out of the library with such ferocity, Vis established the fund to keep the books coming. And even more, to honor Sally and her life-long passion and commitment to the mission of the public library.

Sally has been active in the Humboldt League of Women Voters, the United Methodist Church and Camelot Stables.

Vis and Sally established an Education Fund at the Humboldt Area Foundation to support math students at HSU and provide support for those attending their Alma Mater, Oregon State. They are extraordinary community members, giving back in profound and important ways that help ensure for future generations in our community. Thank you, Vis and Sally.

"The habit of reading is the only one I know in which there is no alloy. It lasts when all other pleasures fade. It will be there to support you when all other resources are gone. It will be present to you when the energies of your body have fallen away from you. It will make your hours pleasant to you as long as you live."

Anthony Trollope

Celebrating the 20th Anniversary Schedule of Special Events at the Eureka Main Branch

November 1995! It can be remembered almost as if it was yesterday, with the final preparations being put into place to open the long-awaited new Humboldt County Main Library in Eureka! The excitement in the air was palpable – the pomp and circumstance, the many invited local and out-of-the-area dignitaries, the music, all as the huge public crowd gathered outside waiting for the final



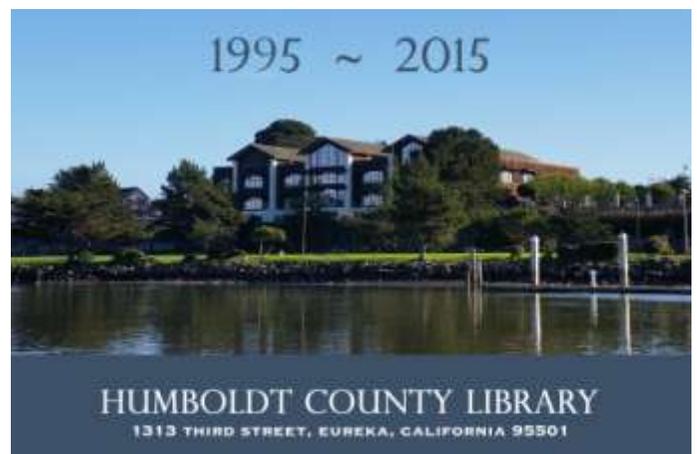
ribbon cutting to at long last get a glimpse of the inside of what promised to be an awesome library for everyone to enjoy. The crowd seemed to intuitively know just inside the doors they would find endless possibilities for learning, reading, and enjoying one's own space. The Library, as a facility and service, did not disappoint. To this day hardly a week goes by that a new resident or visitor doesn't come in with wide eyes and say 'this is one of the best, most beautiful libraries I've been in!' And how proud we are to beam back and say, yes, we agree! It is one of the crown jewels of the county.

To commemorate our 20 years by the bay, starting this November the Library will unveil its new library card, which depicts the beauty of the building from the bay side – a card free to all first time borrowers. Our tote bags are with the same theme, available for purchase in multiple colors; perfectly sized for carrying your books, DVDs, CDs, and magazines safely home.

To kick off the month long celebrations, the Humboldt Library Foundation and the Friends of the Redwood Libraries will be hosting an evening reception at the Library with a special guest, our newly appointed State Librarian, Greg Lucas.

To further celebrate you will find many programs – for adults and youth – on the Library's November calendar of events, most with a library interest or architectural theme. There will be an offering of movies, presentations, and music. All are free and available to everyone. Notably, there will be a program titled *Rising to the Challenge: Re-envisioning Public Libraries*, presented by a former California State Librarian and Director of the Federal Institute for Museum and Library Services, Susan Hildreth. Also, a program titled *Evolution of the Book*, presented by a local science writer and columnist with the North Coast Journal, Barry Evans. Please check the Library's website for more details: www.humlib.org.

The Library supporters and staff invite you to select a program, or more, to enjoy along with the beauty and grace of your local Main Library as it continues to prominently serve the community 20 years from its grand opening. All are welcome to help us celebrate!



Celebrating the 20th Anniversary Schedule of Special Events at the Eureka Main Branch

- November 2: Opening Reception with California State Librarian Greg Lucas
- November 3, 10, 17 & 24: Movie Night at 6:30 pm
- November 4 & 18: Special Children's Programming at 6:30 pm
- November 6 & 7: Friends of the Redwood Libraries used book sale; for more info, see www.eurekafl.org
- November 7: Humboldt State University Brass to perform at 2:00 pm
- November 12: Book Club members to discuss Robert Dawson's *The Public Library: A Photographic Essay*, Noon – 1:30 pm
- November 14: Local author Barry Evans to discuss "The Evolution of the Book", 1:30 – 2:30 pm
- November 19: Susan Hildreth, former California State Librarian, to present "Rising to the Challenge: Re-envisioning Public Libraries", 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Construction Photos, 1995



A Bird's Eye View



Trusses in the Humboldt Room

HLF Legacy Circle — Make a Planned Gift to HLF

Join members of the Legacy Circle. Remember HLF in your will or estate planning.

The HLF Legacy Circle comprises a special group of individuals who have remembered the Humboldt Library Foundation in their will or estate planning. Their gift will grow the HLF Endowment Fund, a long-term strategy to provide funding for the library in perpetuity.

For every new Legacy Circle member added during 2015, Ed Olsgard and Michele McKeegan will match the commitment with a \$250 contribution. So please consider today – planning now will provide immediate and long-term support for the public library.

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Buy a Book Campaign

This year, the Humboldt Library Foundation's 'Buy a Book' campaign is focused on getting the Library the resources it needs to build-up the very popular *Large Print* collection.

Large Print titles appeal primarily to visually impaired patrons, but many others check out the titles too -- they're easier on the eye and easier to read.

Below are those contributions received this year in support of the Buy a Book Campaign.

Donations In Honor & Memory:

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"Books are solitudes in which we meet."

Rebecca Solnit, author

Humboldt County *Living History Project*

Rotary Club of Eureka and Humboldt Library Foundation Provide Funding

Imagine rivers so full of fish that you and three friends could catch 70 in four hours, or having fond memories of your time as a German POW, or growing up in a logging camp with a hollow tree to play in and bears in the woods. These are a few of the stories found in over 200 oral history audio recordings of Humboldt County residents.

Originally a video project, Living Biographies was a grant from the Humboldt Area Foundation, the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund and others. Humboldt County high school students recorded interviews with community "elders" in order to "retain cultural knowledge and traditions and to pass those on to younger generations."

Due to local interest, the program was expanded to include an audio component sponsored by the Humboldt Area Foundation and the Library of Congress Local Legacies project. These oral history recordings focused on four areas, each with a specific set of questions for the participants. From 1999 – 2002 a total of 233 interviews were conducted: Living Biographies (44), Salmon and Streams (82), Timber and Forests: postwar to present (78), and Veterans (29).

This year the Local Legacies oral history collection was chosen as a special focus area by the HLF. A \$1,000 grant from Eureka Rotary and matching funds from the HLF have made it possible to convert the tapes to cds for circulation to patrons, as was originally intended. Conversion and digitization of the tapes with the best sound quality and the most interesting and expansive interviews is being done by a local business, Bongo Boy Studio in McKinleyville. The digital content will be posted on archive.org so that many more people will have access to this unique store of memories

We expect to have multi-cd cases for at least three of the four focus areas cataloged and ready for circulation in time for the Library's 20th anniversary.

Submitted by Debra Hill, Librarian II, Public Services Division



"Books are the treasured wealth of the world and the fit inheritance of generations and nations."

Henry David Thoreau



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