

# Humboldt Library Foundation

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*HLF President Elizabeth Murguia and HCL Interim Director Chris Cooper*

### “Humboldt Library Foundation Presents Library \$131,500”

The Humboldt Library Foundation recently presented a check for \$131,500 to Humboldt County librarians for FY 20/21. The grant includes funding \$60,000 for adult non-fiction, the popular McNaughton book lease program and additions to the audiovisual collection; \$38,050 for enhanced and increased databases; \$8,000 for marketing enhancements; \$2,950 to support the Story Walk Project; \$10,000 for additional electronic resources; and \$10,000 for professional development. The grant also included \$2,500 distributed from the Hun Kwan Goh Memorial Book fund for the purchase of Asian-oriented materials and from the Sally Upatisringa Mystery Books Fund to add to the popular mystery collection.

“HLF was very pleased to provide these grant funds to support the library system. The funds will expand the collection for children and young adults, beef up adult non-fiction and add to electronic resources, such as e-books, audio books and new database subscriptions,” said HLF Board President Elizabeth Murguia. “We are very grateful for the contributions made by library supporters from across the country. The contributions help the library remain a vital resource for strengthening families and building a better community,” she added.

In the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic library branches are temporarily shuttered. Due to limited access to the physical library, patrons are using library services differently, including a significant increase in electronic resources. Curbside pickup is now available and patron usage is up. HLF is pleased to be able to significantly increase this year’s grant amount. Since 1996, HLF has issued annual grants to the library totaling over \$1.4 million.

“I want to thank the members of the Humboldt Library Foundation for their hard work and commitment to Humboldt County residents,” notes Interim Library Director Chris Cooper. He continued with, “I appreciate your generosity in these challenging times. You are continuing to make it possible for the library to offer increasingly diverse and exciting programs, services, and events. Thank you for establishing value and need for outstanding library service in our communities, for being a constant advocate and for helping us evolve.”

The annual grant was based on funds raised by HLF in 2019. Contributions come from the popular Buy A Book campaign, board and gala sponsorships, gifts given in memory and honor and grants from community businesses and organizations made to HLF.

Contributions made to the Humboldt Library Foundation enrich our community. Donations can be made easily through [www.humboldtlibraryfoundation.org](http://www.humboldtlibraryfoundation.org). You can participate in the popular Buy A Book campaign or become a member of the Board of Sponsors.

For more information, contact HLF at 707-269-1991, friend us on Facebook or visit our website at [www.humboldtlibraryfoundation.org](http://www.humboldtlibraryfoundation.org).

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