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## Press Release

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### HLF Board Member Donates Books Promoting Children's Health



*HLF Board member Peter LaVallee reads "I Know about Germs" to his grandchildren*

Humboldt Library Foundation (HLF) Board Member Peter LaVallee recently donated 15 copies of Tedi McVea's new children's book, *I Know about Germs*, to the Humboldt County Library system for circulation.

*I Know About Germs* is about a little boy who discusses the relationship between "bad" germs and "superhero" germs and explains how children can help the "superhero" germs beat the "bad" germs. "I have read it to my grandchildren, twin 6 year old boys and their 8 year old sister many times. I have noticed that it helps them to feel protected by their army of superheroes but also helps them to feel motivated to take

precautions, like washing their hands and practicing social distancing. It helps children understand what is going on with COVID, and is of real value to families with young children,” said Mr. LaVallee. “I am very proud of Tedi’s effort and thought donating these books could help parents in our area deal with the difficulties of the pandemic,” he added.

Ms. McVea, a 2003 graduate of McKinleyville High School, wrote the book to help explain the COVID crisis to her young son. Mr. LaVallee met Tedi McVea during his time as Director of the Youth Services Division of Redwood Community Action Agency. Tedi came forward voluntarily to the Youth Service Bureau (YSB) as a homeless youth seeking services. She was very motivated and used YSB’s support to stabilize her living condition in a transitional housing apartment while completing high school and an AA degree at College of the Redwoods. During that time she also worked part-time as a Street Outreach Worker helping other local homeless youth. Tedi moved to San Antonio, Texas in 2009 to complete an undergraduate and graduate social work degree, where she now practices as a licensed clinical social worker.

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.

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