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HLF Raises Over \$50,000 for County Library Home Delivery Program



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The Humboldt Library Foundation (HLF) announced it has reached its goal to raise over \$50,000 to kick-start a new home delivery program “Library at Your Door.” The program will serve library cardholders who, due to transportation barriers, have difficulty accessing the library. The funds will be used to purchase a customized cargo van to deliver books and materials to the doorstep of some of Humboldt County’s most vulnerable residents.

HLF Board member, Peter LaVallee, who led the campaign effort, said, “I’m thrilled that HLF donors had such an enthusiastic response for this project. With their support, the library will be able to bring books and materials

to the doorstep of home-bound seniors, young families who don't live near a branch or the many residents in our community with limited transportation options.”

Donors to this project include the McLean Foundation, Terri Clarke and Marty Lay, Pierson Building Center, PG&E, Coast Central Credit Union, the Humboldt Democratic Central Committee, Bonnie Neely, Mercer Fraser, Papa Barkley, Recology Humboldt, Redwood Capital Bank, the Tom and Stephanie Perrett Community Fund, Premier Financial Group, Soroptimist International of Eureka, Leslie and Bruce Silvey, Congressman Jared Huffman, Tri-Counties Bank, Assemblymember Jim Wood, the Elizabeth Murguia and Sally Upatisringa Fund, and George Peterson Insurance.

“This home delivery program is a critical next step in expanding library services to Humboldt County residents,” said HLF Board President Elizabeth Murguia. “HLF donors rose to the occasion to make this program happen and we are thrilled to be able to provide the library with this critical resource.”

Chris Cooper, Director of Library Services said, “I would like to express my gratitude to the donors contributing to Library at Your Door. Thank you for supporting another innovative service that connects people to Humboldt County Library’s dynamic collections of books, magazines, movies, and other library materials.”

The home delivery program is expected to launch later this year. Services will launch in Eureka, Fortuna, and Arcata and expand to other communities in the future. Library patrons will be able to use existing reservation systems to request home delivery.

HLF was formed in 1996 to build financial support for the Humboldt County Library system, which includes the Main Library in Eureka, 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 \$1.5 million in grants to the library.

Donations of any size are welcome. If you wish to create a donor advised fund or want more information on the Humboldt Library Foundation and how you can give, visit our website www.humboldtlibraryfoundation.org, ‘like’ us on Facebook, or call the HLF office at (707) 269-1991.

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