

Press Release:

Title : **Kiwanis Club of Healdsburg and O'Reilly Media Inc. Fund Over \$5,000 in K-12 Library Books**

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The Kiwanis Club of Healdsburg made a \$2,500 challenge grant to the Healdsburg Education Foundation (HEF) to acquire K-12 Library Books. The Kiwanis Club, a major supporter of our local public schools has a long history of acknowledging the importance of libraries, books and literacy in the Healdsburg schools. The Kiwanis Club provides all Healdsburg 3rd grade students with Encyclopedias, has funded technology at both the Junior High and High school libraries, in addition to many other strong investments in student learning over the years.

Thanks to a very generous donation of books and periodicals from O'Reilly Media Inc., a Sebastopol based computer book and online media company, HEF was able to make the Kiwanis Club's challenge grant, as well as develop a new Business Partnership with the local technology publishing company. Our librarians and teachers were able to choose books ranging from computer programming for High School students to Beginning Algebra for sixth graders. "We are so excited to build on our technology and math collections in our libraries. Our students' interest in these fields is growing and continues to evolve in keeping with the industry", claims Lauren Parnes, HJH Librarian. The O'Reilly donation which is valued over \$2,500, together with the \$2,500 challenge grant from the Kiwanis Club, will mean that the Healdsburg K-12 school libraries will see significant improvements in their collections and resources for the 2011-2012 school year.



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Mary Burke, HEF Board Member, Kristin Ciapucci and Jon Johns, O'Reilly Media Inc., Dick Bugarske, Pete Peterson, and Hunt Conrad, Kiwanis Club of Healdsburg, Pamela Swan, HEF.