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## **Healdsburg Schools K-12 Library-Technology Program Gets a Boost**

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A generous gift from local residents Doug and Julianne Muhleman has enabled the Healdsburg Education Foundation (HEF) to fulfill its commitment to the Healdsburg public schools to donate \$40,000 to the districts K-12 Library and Technology Programs. The funds are designated to pay for restored librarian hours this school year and to keep the High School and Junior High libraries open for the after school homework hours program.

Library funding is often one of the first things to go when school funding cuts are made, despite the fact that school libraries are a crucial resource and productive learning environment for our students. When the Muhleman's learned of the budget cuts impacting the library hours, they were compelled to take action based on their deep held belief in the importance of libraries as a source of opportunity and as a portal to the world outside the classroom.

Through the Healdsburg community's donations and the efforts of HEF, the Healdsburg High School and Junior High School libraries have received complete physical and technological renovations, been provided with laptop carts and other equipment and materials. Teachers have received training in bringing technology into the classrooms to capitalize on the laptop program.

"Our school libraries are packed with students – before, during and after school. Students use the computers to do research, take practice tests, do homework and work together on projects. The library is at the heart of our school and is a central place for school meetings and study groups" said Carol Peterson, HHS Librarian.

HEF donors have also provided additional computers, document cameras, projectors, video cameras as well as other technology upgrades to our school libraries this year. HEF is presently processing a donation for library books, which they will be announcing publicly shortly. The Healdsburg School libraries and K-12 Technology will continue to be a priority funding area for HEF with the help of our community. For more information, contact Pamela Swan at The Healdsburg Education Foundation, [pswan@hefschools.com](mailto:pswan@hefschools.com).