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Hulburt Bequest Funds Enhanced Services at Jackson County Libraries

The Jackson County Commissioners received a check for \$124,533 from US Bank during its Wednesday session on December 21, 2011. The check represents the annual interest paid on a bequest of \$2.5 million left to Jackson County Library Services by Kenneth A. and Lucille D. Hulburt, who were educators in the Rogue Valley. The bequest provides for programming and collection enhancements to benefit mature readers and youth ages six to sixteen.

With the annual funds from the trust, Jackson County Library Services has been able to provide programs such as free Adult Basic Computer Courses to nearly 5,000 adults and patron technical support services, including workshops for hands-on demonstrations in e-media, to hundreds of residents. Bequest funds were used to purchase a resume-writing and job-search software program available at all branches and to add the Value Line investment survey to its array of reference database available online through its website.

For six to sixteen year-olds, the library now presents Book Talks at middle schools around the county and to date has introduced more than 2,000 young teens to some of the most important and entertaining books being published. In addition, bequest funds have been used to purchase an eleven-piece mobile laptop lab with LCD projector, five Wii™ consoles and flatscreen TVs for teen libraries, hundreds of new books for young adults, and courtesy book collections for circulation among clients of after-school and homeless youth services. Funds are also used for programming for Summer Reading.

Presenting the check to the county commissioners were Adrian Snyder and Denise Boe of US Bank and Donald Denman, a lawyer for the Hulburts and family friend.

The library is grateful to the Hulburt Trust for recognizing the importance of libraries in the lives of community members of all ages. For more information, please contact Library Director Denise Galarraga at 541-774-6401.



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