



# Holo I Mua

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## Molokai Girl Wins National Recognition for Essay

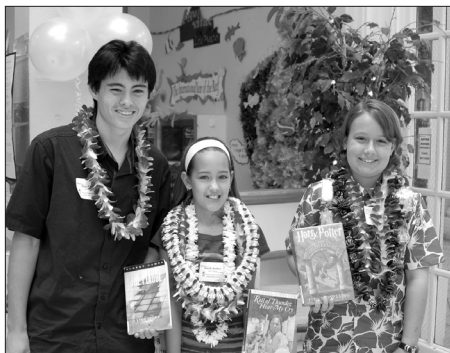
By Paul H. Mark

**S**arah Jenkins, a fifth grader at Akaula School on Molokai, was a National Honorable Mention recipient for her winning essay "Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry" by Mildred Taylor in the **2008 Letters About Literature Award** contest.

Sarah was honored as the Level I (grades 4-6) winner in the recent Fifth Annual Hawaii Center for the Book Award Ceremony at the Hawaii State Library. An overflow crowd of VIPs, family members, students, teachers, and library staff filled the Lobby and applauded this significant achievement. In addition to receiving a cash prize and Target gift card, she won an additional \$100 Target gift card for herself, as well as a \$1,000 grant for Akaula School Library.

In her letter to Mildred Taylor, Sarah wrote "Nothing is more devastating than bearing hatred because of the color of your skin, because of the skin color God

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Statewide 2008 Letters About Literature Award winners, from left, Level III: Roy Franco, grade 11, Kamehameha Schools; Level I: Sarah Jenkins, grade 5, Akaula School (Molokai); and Level II: Ben White, grade 7, Le Jardin Academy.

## "Rediscovering Emma" Display @ the Hawaii State Library

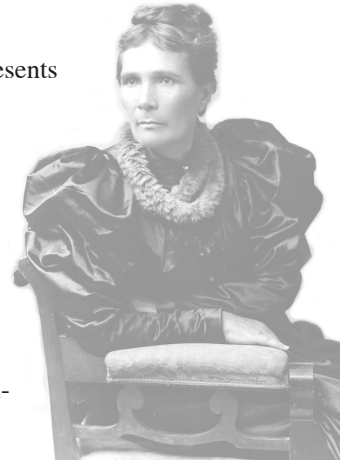
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**A**n exhibit entitled *Rediscovering Emma*, which presents the life and work of **Emma K. Metcalf Beckley Nakuina**, a Hawaiian intellectual of the last century, is currently on display through June 2008 at the Hawaii State Library. Funded by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, this exhibit may be viewed in the First Floor Reading Room during normal library hours.

Who was Emma? Emma was an alii and Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Kapiolani. In addition, Emma was in charge of the Hawaiian Government Library, the Hawaiian Government Museum, served as a Commissioner of Water Rights, recorded Hawaiian legends and wrote about Hawaiian history and culture. Well-known in her own time, Emma nearly dropped from sight for more than 50 years.

In a special program to unveil this exhibit on May 1, four contemporary scholars and writers who had rediscovered Emma Kailikapuolono Metcalf Beckley Nakuina shared their discoveries about this incredible woman: Cristina Bacchilega, Professor of English, University of Hawaii at Manoa; Lynn A. Davis, Head, Library Preservation Department, University of Hawaii at Manoa; Carol MacLennan, Professor of Anthropology, Michigan Technological University; and

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**Nakuina**  
Hawaii State Archives photo



Four contemporary scholars and writers who shared various aspects of Emma K. Metcalf Beckley Nakuina's life and work gathered with Martha Hoverson, Exhibit Coordinator and Librarian, Hawaii State Library-Hawaii & Pacific Section (2nd from left): Cristina Bacchilega, Carol MacLennan, Dennis Kawaharada, and Lynn A. Davis.

### Mark Your Calendars

**May 24-26 – Memorial Day Holiday**, most libraries closed. Some libraries will have special holiday-related hours; visit [www.librarieshawaii.org](http://www.librarieshawaii.org) or call your local library.  
**June-July – 2008 HSPLS Adult, Children's and Young Adult Summer Reading Programs**: free 5-week programs at public libraries funded by a special grant from major sponsor the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, National Football League Charities and other long-standing sponsors for summer reading program incentives such as McDonald's Restaurants of Hawaii, Hawaii Pizza Hut, Diamond Bakery and the UH-Manoa Outreach College. Participants receive weekly reading incentives while supplies last. For more information: call your local library or pick up a copy of the June 2008 issue of Holo I Mua @ your library.

# “Maui’s Kite” Takes Flight to Neighbor Islands

A new Honolulu Theatre for Youth stage production entitled *Maui’s Kite: Another Tale of Old Hawaii*, is currently touring selected public libraries statewide through May 28.

Special performances are scheduled as follows: Kauai libraries May 7-8, Maui and Molokai libraries May 20-27. Admission is free.

This is the story of how the Hawaiian Kite was invented. Maui

makes the kite, then calls the winds to help him fly it. Too little wind, the kite won’t go up. Too much wind, the kite blows away! Only the right amount of wind will allow the kite to soar.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, this 45-minute program is designed specifically for children ages 3-5. The library tour has been underway since this past March.

Soar to new heights with “Maui’s Kite,” a high-flying journey filled with adventure and audience participation.

Call the hosting library as soon as possible if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed.

Following is the remaining schedule of performances: Kauai libraries - May 7: 10:15 a.m. at **Kapaa Public Library**, 3 p.m. at **Princeville Public Library**; May 8, 10 a.m. at **Koloa Public & School Library**; Maui and Molokai libraries - May 20, 1:30 p.m. at **Hana Public & School Library**; May 21: 10 a.m. at **Wailuku Public Library**, 2 p.m. at **Kahului Public Library**; May 22, 10 a.m. at **Makawao Public Library**; May 23: 10:30 a.m. at **Kihei Public Library**, 2 p.m. at **Lahaina Public Library**; May 27, 10 a.m. at **Molokai Public Library**.

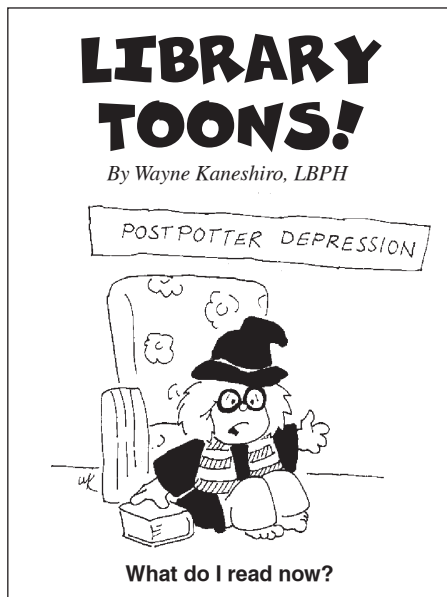
For a complete listing of the program schedule visit the HSPLS website: [www.librarieshawaii.org](http://www.librarieshawaii.org). The program schedule is subject to change. For more information, contact the hosting library.



Hawaii Kai Public Library has received its 21<sup>st</sup> annual gift donation from the Nagoya Joto Lions Club and Hawaii Kai Lions Club. From left, **Hiroshi Nagata**, Nagoya Lions President; **Colleen Lashway**, Hawaii Kai Public Library Manager; and **David Osaki**, Hawaii Kai Lions President, admire this year’s gift of a Wadaiko drum and a pair of drum sticks. In addition, both clubs donated \$1,000 each which increased the total donation amount to about \$39,000.

## Essay Winners, from front page

gave us. I admire your book, *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry*, because you had the courage to write about and expose a topic so wounding. I can personally relate to the struggle against racism endured by the African American people in your book. Sadly, racial prejudice exists here in my home – here in Hawaii. Your book confirmed my thoughts that no one should judge a person by the color of their skin, but by their character and personality of their soul. That’s all that should matter.” *Copyright © The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.*



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The two other state winners were: Level III (grades 9-12): **Roy Franco**, grade 11, Kamehameha Schools, for essay on “The Plague” by Albert Camus; and Level II (grades 7-8): **Ben White**, grade 7, Le Jardin Academy, for essay on “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone” by J. K. Rowling. They also received cash prizes and Target gift cards.

In addition, two state level Honorable Mentions were recognized: Level I: **Andrew Chang**, and Level II: **Nicole Caspers**; as well as more than 50 Semifinalists. Entrants wrote a personal letter to an author explaining how his or her book affected the student’s perception of life.

This national contest is sponsored by the Library of Congress Center for the Book and Target stores.

## Nakuina, from front page

Dennis Kawaharada, Dean of Arts and Sciences, Kapiolani Community College, and Publisher, Kalamaku Press. The program was co-sponsored by the Association of Hawaii Archivists.

The Hawaii State Library is located at 478 South King Street. For more information about the “Rediscovering Emma” exhibit, call the library’s Hawaii Documents Section at 586-3543.



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