

Hilo Public Library Closing for Repairs

Hilo Public Library, the largest library on the Big Island, is scheduled to be closed for renovations and accessibility improvements beginning Sunday, Jan. 4. While the library is closed, the book drops will remain open on most days except when renovation work is being done in that area. Please refer to signs that will be posted. Returned items will be checked in daily.

Renovations will include re-roofing, window replacement in the front of the library, and handicapped accessibility upgrades and other repairs will be made.

Patrons are encouraged to visit neighboring libraries during their public service hours:

Keaau Public & School Library (982-4281) - M 9-4:30; T, Th 1-8; W 10-4:30; F 8:30-4:30.

Mt. View Public & School Library (968-2322) - M 12-8; T, W, Th 9-5; F 9-1.

Pahoa Public & School Library (965-2171) - M 1-8; T, W, Th, F 9-5; Sat 9-1.

Laupahoehoe Public & School Library (962-2229) - M 12-8; T, W, Th 9-5; F 9-4.

For your convenience, requested library materials that were designated for pick up at Hilo Public Library will be



State Librarian Richard Burns (center) welcomes newly inducted Board of Education members Janis Akuna (left) and Carol Mon Lee (right) to the Hawaii State Library during a reception last month.

sent to Keaau Public & School Library.

To accommodate our patrons while Hilo is closed, Keaau Public & School Library, located on the campus of Keaau Middle School, will be open to the public on Saturdays (except Feb. 14) from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Patrons are requested to hold their donations until the library reopens. An announcement will be made when the library is scheduled to reopen.



Guess who's visiting the Hawaii State Library? It's this pueo, a rare Hawaiian short-eared owl, which has become a temporary resident in the Courtyard for the past few months. The State of Hawaii has listed the pueo as an endangered species on Oahu. It is considered sacred and a guardian spirit by ancient Hawaiians, as well as by many people today. Visit www.librarieshawaii.org to see more photos of this pueo and to read stories written by librarians at the Hawaii State Library.



Stacie Kanno (right), Kapolei Public Library Manager, was recently honored as the 2008 Friends' Public Librarian of the Year at the Hawaii State Library. Irene Pavao (left), Library Technician of Hana Public & School Library, and Sherlene Rosario (not in photo), Janitor for Pahala Public & School Library and Naalehu Public Library, are the 2008 Excellence in Service (EIS) Award winners. Kanno received a cash prize of \$1,000 for Kapolei Public Library from corporate sponsor Borders Books & Music. The Friends of the Library of Hawaii, which co-sponsors this annual awards program, presented Kanno with the perpetual Public Librarian of the Year Award plaque, plus an additional \$500 to Kapolei Public Library. The Excellence in Service Award winners were also presented with \$500 each for their respective libraries.



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LIBRARY TOONS!

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HSPLS Budget Reduced 10%

Governor Linda Lingle's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal biennium includes a 10%, \$3 million reduction for the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS), and that amount could be increased if the state Council on Revenues lowers its forecast for economic growth at their next meeting.

Although the Governor requested scenarios for 10, 15 and 20 percent budget reductions, the Board of Education passed, and the Governor approved the 10% reduction. HSPLS will be able to keep all 51 public libraries open, and will avoid the necessity of laying off permanent staff members.

"We appreciate the Governor's consideration of public libraries and her decision to support the Board of Education's recommendation for a 10% budget reduction," said State Librarian Richard Burns. "Although this is a significant cutback, it will allow us to keep all of our branches open to continue providing valuable, free services and programs for Hawaii's library users of all ages, especially during these tough economic times. I would also like to thank the many community members who wrote letters and email to the Governor and their legislators expressing their love of libraries."

While HSPLS will be able to keep all 51 public libraries open, many will be forced to reduce public service hours to compensate for short staffing periods and positions left vacant, in compliance with the Governor's directive to implement a hiring freeze for most state departments.

To meet this 10% reduction, HSPLS proposes to eliminate centralized purchases of books and materials (\$1,825,448) including Bestseller Hot Picks, Children's, Young Adult and Audio Visual High Demand Titles, Foreign Language Books, and Digital Audio Books. In addition, vacant positions will be frozen, and substitutes/student hires will be on a limited basis (\$1,156,298).

Governor's Economic Stimulus Plan Includes HSPLS Libraries

Thirty-six public libraries have been included in Governor Linda Lingle's economic stimulus plan to expedite \$1.86 billion in capital improvement projects. Over the next two years, the selected libraries will receive necessary upgrades including Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility renovations, retrofitting for energy efficient lighting, re-roofing, repairs for damage resulting from the October 2006 earthquake, and other health and safety improvements.

Announcements of libraries closing for renovations will appear in Holo I Mua, our library website: www.librarieshawaii.org and the news media.

Mark Your Calendars

Jan. 1 – New Year's Day 2009 Holiday; all libraries closed.

Jan. 14 – Friends of the Library of Hawaii Legislative Breakfast, 8 a.m., Hawaii State Library. By invitation only; RSVP requested. An opportunity for the Friends, other library supporters, and staff to meet legislators and discuss the valuable contributions HSPLS libraries make to our communities. The Friends will also present the Mahalo Award to the legislator who has demonstrated exceptional support for libraries. For more information or to RSVP: call 536-4174 or email: mae@friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org.

Jan. 19 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday; all libraries closed. For public service hours, visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call your local library.

Community Donations Benefit Libraries

By Paul H. Mark

Many generous community members have made donations to their favorite library or Friends organization during the past year's Holiday Season.

The Hawaii State Public Library System received 51 copies of "The Hawai'i Snowman," illustrated by Belt Collins' award-winning artist Michel L , and written by his wife Christine. This charming picture



From left, State Librarian Richard Burns, Anne Mapes, Chairman and CEO of Belt Collins Hawaii Ltd.; Hawaii State Library Director Diane Eddy, and Belt Collins' artist Michel L  gather around a heart-warming illustration from "The Hawai'i Snowman."

Community Donations, from front page book is about a snowman who discovers the real meaning of Christmas as he journeys to Hawaii. Anne Mapes, Chairman and CEO of Belt Collins Hawaii Ltd., read the book to more than 25 children and adults in the Hawaii State Library's Edna Allen Room as Michel Lê displayed and shared information about two of his original oil paintings which became illustrations for the book.

Aina Haina 76 gas station and its owner, Mid Pac Petroleum donated \$1,025 to the Friends of Aina Haina Library on Dec. 10, 2008. For each gallon of gasoline sold at the station from Oct. 13-18, Mid Pac Petroleum donated five cents to the Friends as a thank you to the community for its patronage. This donation will be used to purchase new books and to fund children's and other programs for Aina Haina Public Library.



Jen Willing, Aina Haina 76 Operator (left) and Mid Pac Petroleum President Jim Yates (right) present their gift of \$1,025 to Friends of Aina Haina Library President Lenore Johnson.

Barnes and Noble Booksellers on Oahu and the Friends of the Library of Hawaii (FLH) sponsored two projects to benefit Hawaii's public libraries: a percentage of net sales at the Ala Moana and Kahala stores from Dec. 5-12 was donated to FLH; Barnes and Noble's annual Holiday Book Drive encouraged customers to buy a new book of their choice as a donation to the public libraries from Nov. 1, 2008-Jan. 1, 2009. The number of books and amount of money collected will

be announced next month.

Students at Hanalani Schools in Mililani donated more than \$1,400 worth of new children's books to Wahiawa Public Library this past December. During the two-week "Coins for Kids' Books" project, students deposited spare change in containers at the school library. The schools used the donated money to buy 126 new children's titles from fall book fair partner Scholastic Books.



Hanalani students present some of the new books to Wahiawa Public Library Manager Anthony Hooper.

The Vans Triple Crown of Surfing donated \$1,000 to the Friends of Waialua Public Library at a special event on Dec. 6, 2008 which featured past and present surfing champions and guest celebrities. This donation will be used to purchase new library materials for Waialua Public Library which will enhance its collection and benefit the North Shore community.



Sean Wingate, Vans Triple Crown of Surfing Managing Director (center), presented a gift of \$1,000 to Waialua Public Library Manager Tim Littlejohn (left) and Marjorie Russell, Friends of Waialua Public Library President.

Hawaii Self Storage donated \$700 to Kapolei Public Library at a ceremony held Dec. 22, 2008 at the company's Kapolei facility. This donation will be used to purchase new library materials and to fund library programs for all ages. In addition to Kapolei Public Library, two other Kapolei non-profits received monetary donations from Hawaii Self Storage, which raised \$2,600 last October during their Family Fun Festival.



Hawaii Self Storage's (l-r) mascot "Mr. Safety," Vice President Shaun Salvador and Kapolei Facility Manager Joe Kino presented a gift of \$700 to Stacie Kanno, Kapolei Public Library Manager (2nd from left).

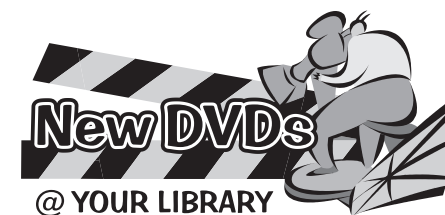
The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches donated 45 copies of "Celebrating Advocacy: Past, Present & Future," compiled and edited by Aletha Kaohi, (retired branch manager of Waimea Public Library on Kauai), Stanley Lum, Sharon Matsuyama and Boyd Matsuyama. Available at most public libraries, this 60th anniversary commemorative publication presents a history of the Hawaiian Congregational Churches and includes photos and information about each church. In the Acknowledgements pages, Debra Wong Yuen, Library Assistant of Pahala Public & School Library on the Big Island, "... who, as a result of diligent reference work worthy of librarians, furnished documents containing information of historical value about her church Kauaha'ao Congregational and obtained confirming information of other churches in her region."

If you, your company, organization, or service group, would like to make a donation or provide a special service to your local library, please see the library manager for ideas and assistance. Another important way to show your love and support for your library is to write a letter or send an email to your legislators as the legislative session begins on January 21, 2009. For contact information, visit:

State Representatives: <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/site1/house/members/members.asp>

State Senators: <http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/site1/senate/members/members.asp>

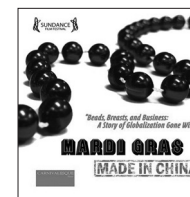
Mahalo for your continuing support!



By Sally Walstrum, Librarian, Hawaii State Library-Art, Music, Recreation Section

MARDI GRAS – MADE IN CHINA

A documentary that traces the path of Mardi Gras beads from the streets of New Orleans during Carnival, where revelers party and exchange beads, to the disciplined factories in Fuzhou, China, where teenage girls live and sew beads together all day and night. Winner of 20 National and International Awards, this film is in Mandarin with English subtitles.



NIM'S ISLAND

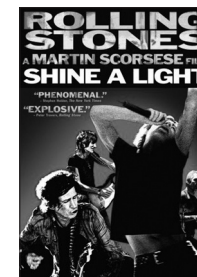
Abigail Breslin stars as a young girl living on a deserted island with her scientist father (Gerard Butler)



who must fend for herself when her dad's boat leaves him stranded far away. When careless tour companies wreak havoc on the secluded paradise, she reaches out to the author (Jodie Foster) of her favorite book.

SHINE A LIGHT

Director Martin Scorsese turns his lens on rock & roll legends The Rolling Stones for this feature, focusing on two concerts from the band's 2006 "A Bigger Bang" tour. In addition to extensive coverage of the band's two-night stand at New York's Beacon Theater, the film also features historical footage, interviews, and behind-the-scenes footage from decades past.



YOUNG @ HEART

In this documentary film, a group of senior citizens prepares for a show that is only weeks away by learning a slate of new songs ranging from James Brown to Coldplay. The tireless musical director leads the chorus through a series of chaotic rehearsals.



New Teen Titles

By Jolene Miyaji, Youth Services Librarian, Wahiawa Public Library

Nick Abadzis LAIKA
(Gr. 7-12)

A mixture of fact and fiction is used to illustrate the story of Laika, the first dog in space. The graphic novel is



told through three intertwining storylines involving Korolev, head engineer of the Soviet Space Program and Yelena, the lab technician in charge of training Laika.

L.J. Smith THE VAMPIRE DIARIES VOL. 1 & 2

(Gr. 8-12) Before Stephanie Meyer there was L.J. Smith and The Vampire Diaries. Elena, the popular beauty, is infatuated with the mysterious Stefan. However the mystery of Stefan goes deeper than Elena ever imagined.



An Na THE FOLD
(Gr. 7-12)

Joyce never really cared about her Asian eyes until her aunt proposes to pay for her "lid" surgery. In addition, Joyce has a huge crush on John Ford Kang who only notices her after she scotch tapes the faux fold. An Na takes a humorous and often thought-provoking look on beauty standards for minorities in America.



Lizabeth Zindel THE SECRET RITES OF SOCIAL BUTTERFLIES

(Gr. 9-12) After her parents divorce, Maggie moves from Jersey to Manhattan to attend the posh, all-girls Berkley Prep, where she is snubbed by the other girls because of her newcomer status. However, after sneaking into the popular clique's party, she is invited to join the most powerful secret society in school, The Revelers.

