

## Wailuku Library Observes 80th Anniversary



**Mahina Martin**, Maui County Community Relations & Communications Director, representing Mayor Charmaine Tavares, reads the proclamation declaring August 6, 2009 as "Wailuku Public Library Day" in Maui County.

**W**ailuku Public Library, Maui County's first public library, celebrated its 80th Anniversary by hosting a series of special programs on August 6. Located in the Maui Civic Center Historic District at 251 High Street, the library was formerly known as Maui County Free Library which opened on August 6, 1929. The Library, designed by noted architect Charles W. Dickey featuring the distinct Hawaiian-style high, steep roof, was heralded as "modern library perfection" by the "Maui News" and to this day, the building's architectural style continues to generate interest.

In 1966, Maui County Free Library was renamed Wailuku Public Library. Two decades later (1986), the library received recognition and was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

**Senator Shan Tsutsui** and **Representative Gil Keith-Agaran** presented branch manager **Susan Werner** with a certificate from the Hawaii State Legislature at the blessing ceremony last month. On August 25, Maui County **Council Member Mike Victorino** presented a resolution to library staff which offered congratulations and best wishes in celebration of the Library's milestone.

## Mililani Library Awards Reader Top Prize

By Paul H. Mark

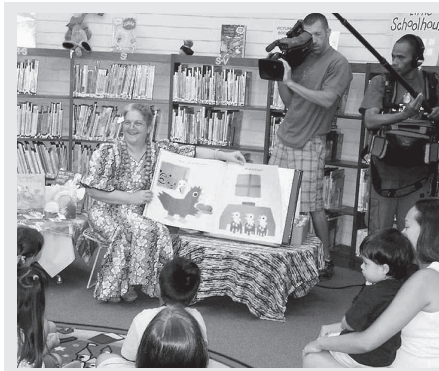
**E**ight-year-old **Brody Nunes** is the winner of the 2009 Mililani Public Library Summer Reading Program Grand Prize Drawing. The Library is part of the statewide HSPLS Summer Reading Program.

Brody, who read six books for the five-week program, won a YMCA-Camp Erdman Family Camp Weekend in Waialua, Oahu. He chose to "cash-in" his prize, and celebrate with his family over the Labor Day weekend. The prize, worth \$1,000, included lodging, meals, and organized camp activities.

A total of 647 participants (557 children and 90 teens) who read at least one book, were eligible to enter the drawing which was co-sponsored by the YMCA-Camp Erdman and the Friends of Mililani Public Library.



**Brody Nunes** (with balloon and certificate) won the Mililani Public Library Summer Reading Program Grand Prize Drawing last month, and was honored in an award presentation ceremony. Here, (counter-clockwise from bottom): **Shari-Lynn Murphy**, Young Adult Librarian; **Wendi Woodstrup**, Library Manager; **Marlee Nunes**, **Anthony Nunes**, **Lu Nunes**, **Jessie Weinberger**, President, Friends of Mililani Public Library; and **Josh Heimowitz**, Executive Director, Camp Erdman, YMCA of Honolulu, join in the celebration.



Children's Librarian **Janet Yap** of **Liliha Public Library** is featured in "Read to Live," a television documentary that highlights the importance of reading and literacy in Hawaii. Hawaii Stars Presents, Inc., produced the half-hour special which also features interviews with former Governor Ben Cayetano, former First Lady Lynne Waihee, author Lois Ann Yamanaka, Brian Yamashita, husband of the late teacher Asa Yamashita; and others. CW93 will re-telecast "Read to Live" on 9/14 at 9 p.m. KHON-TV2, which aired the show on 8/27 and 9/5, will re-air it on 9/20 at 7 p.m. Here, Yap reads "The Little Red Hen" by Byron Barton to a captive young audience at Liliha Public Library while Hawaii Stars Presents cameraman Jeremy Kumik and audio technician Poncho Francisco Tenorio-Macias videotape the storytime for the TV special.



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## Revised HSPLS Budget Plan is not Approved

**A** Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) revised recommendation for the current fiscal year's operating budget reduction plan was not approved by the Board of Education on September 3. With seven "Yes" votes needed for approval, HSPLS came up one vote short, 6-5.

The revised recommendation was previously passed by the BOE's Committee on Budget and Fiscal Accountability on August 26.

To meet a budget reduction of approximately 20%, or \$3.58 million, HSPLS had recommended freezing 72 vacant positions, implementing a 20% reduction in supplies cost, and negotiating with the unions on a two-day furlough each month. Because of the uncertainty of the negotiations process, settlement of collective bargaining contracts, and the possibility of additional restrictions, HSPLS would have had the flexibility of up to four furlough days per month to meet the imposed budget restrictions. No libraries were scheduled for closure in this proposed plan. However, increasing staffing shortages may force library administrators to reduce public hours or temporarily close libraries on an emergency basis.

## We Love Our Library

**R**ev. Dr. Harry Chuck presented a donation of several new mouse pads to Waianae Public Library to show his appreciation to the staff. The donation will replace the "well-used" mouse pads at the computer stations.

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## Help HSPLS Keep Your Libraries Open



**State Librarian Richard Burns** invites patrons to make a monetary donation to their local library through the "Keep Your Library Open!" fund-raising campaign.

"The Hawaii State Public Library System does not often ask for monetary support from the community," said Garrett Toguchi, Board of Education Chairperson. "However, Hawaii's public libraries are faced with extraordinary circumstances, and I would like to encourage everyone to support these fundraisers during these difficult economic times."

Hawaii's public libraries are family destinations and community cultural centers which support learners of all ages. Libraries are part of the solution, helping residents cope with and recover from today's declining economy.

"Libraries provide outstanding value at bargain prices: offering statewide access to more than 3.5 million items; Internet access; electronic books and databases; business, health, and e-government services; assistance with job searches; educational support for students of all ages, and allowing residents and visitors to keep in touch with family and friends on the mainland and abroad," said State Librarian Richard Burns.

Patrons are invited to make a monetary donation to their local library through the "Keep Your Library Open!" fund-raising campaign. Tax-deductible contribu-

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## Mark Your Calendars

**Sept. 25 – 2009 Marriott Links to Literacy**, 11:30 a.m., Ko Olina Golf Club. Friends of the Library of Hawaii annual fundraiser; proceeds benefit Hawaii's public libraries. For more information, visit [www.friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org](http://www.friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org) or call 536-4174.

**Sept. 26-Oct. 3 – Banned Books Week 2009: Celebrating the Freedom to Read.** Since 1982, this annual American Library Association (ALA) event reminds Americans not to take intellectual freedoms for granted.

**Oct. 18-24 – Teen Read Week 2009: "Read Beyond Reality @ your library."** See next month's issue for special library programs and more information.

# Reading is "Grand" for Teen Prize Winners

By Paul H. Mark

Three Oahu teen girls are the "Top 3" Grand Prize winners of the 2009 Hawaii State Public Library System and Hawaii Pizza Hut Teen Summer Reading Finale conducted on August 22 at Kahala Mall Center Court Stage: **Alyssa Fujimoto**, Pearl City Public Library finalist (Kamehameha, grade 12); won an Apple iPod Touch; **Rachel Tanoue**, Aiea Public Library finalist (Moanalua High, grade 9); won an HP netbook computer; **Kaylaræ Santos-Paglinawan**, Wahiawa Public Library finalist (Kamehameha, grade 9); won a Dynex LCD TV/DVD combo.

They were among a large group of finalists, each a lucky drawing winner of the 23 Oahu branch public libraries. One-by-one, finalists selected a numbered pizza box with a prize listed inside. Other prizes included hand-held video cameras, digital cameras, and Best Buy gift cards. All prizes were donated by Hawaii Pizza Hut, corporate sponsor of the Teen Summer Reading Program for the past 17 years.

The event featured a special appearance by Star Wars characters Darth Vader, Boba Fett, and four Storm Troopers from the Pacific Outpost 501st Legion, who added excitement and assisted in the prize giveaways. **Lina Girl**, KCCN-FM 100 air personality and a regular Kaneohe Public Library patron, served as emcee.

Approximately 3,000 teens statewide participated in the annual HSPLS Teen Summer Reading Program which encourages reading and strengthens reading habits. Collectively, they have read nearly 24,000 books. Students entering grade 7 through 2009 high school graduates were invited to sign up for the five-week program.

In addition, Hawaii Pizza Hut awarded Nikon digital cameras to four lucky drawing winners on their respective Neighbor Island: **Janelle Costales**, Maui County winner: Lanai Public Library finalist (Lanai High, grade 9); **Tori Craig**, Kauai winner: Hanapepe Public Library finalist (Waimea High, grade 11); **Anjulee Obina**, West Hawaii winner: Bond Memorial Public Library finalist (Kohala High, grade 10); **Jennifer Tabios**, East Hawaii winner: Naalehu Public Library finalist (Kau High, grade 7).

The Friends of the Library of Hawaii are the overall sponsors of the HSPLS Summer Reading Programs which are offered to children, teens and adults, respectively.



The "Top 3" 2009 HSPLS-Hawaii Pizza Hut Teen Summer Reading Finale Grand Prize Teen/Public Library Winners: **Alyssa Fujimoto** (2nd from left)/ Pearl City Public Library (Kamehameha, gr. 12); **Kaylaræ Santos-Paglinawan**/Wahiawa Public Library (Kamehameha, gr. 9); and **Rachel Tanoue**/Aiea Public Library (2nd from right; Moanalua High, gr. 9) share a moment with (l-r) emcee **Lina Girl**, KCCN-FM 100 air personality; **Leah Allen**, Hawaii Pizza Hut's Field Marketing Director; and **Robyn Taba**, Hawaii Pizza Hut.

## Need Help? Check out these Free Services

### Telephone Renewal:

To renew library materials by phone: call the Hawaii State Library: Oahu, 586-3652; Neighbor Islands, toll-free: 1-800-820-7368 during the Library's regular hours. Have your library card and materials handy when you call. Limit: one time per item if there are no hold requests. You can also call any branch in the Hawaii State Public Library System that is open.

### HSPLS Website:

Visit [www.librarieshawaii.org](http://www.librarieshawaii.org) from your home or office computer, to browse the HSPLS Catalog for book titles, eBooks, digital audio books, EBSCOhost (features a wide variety of online databases), which provides full-text materials from magazines, newspapers, journals, and other publications.



**Manoa Public Library**, which opened in 1966 at 2716 Woodlawn Drive, closed its doors for the last time on July 2, 2009. On Saturday, August 1, the "Manoa Library Book Brigade," comprised of about 150 community members and dignitaries, helped to transport some books in book bags across the street to the interim Manoa Public Library at Noelani Elementary School. The interim Library opened with this public service schedule: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 4 p.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday, Sunday, Closed. For more information, please call the Library at 988-0459.

## New Teen Titles

By Willis Oshiro, Young Adult Librarian,  
Hawaii State Library-Young Adult Section

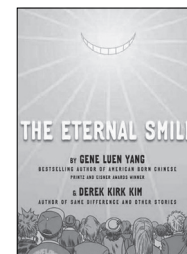
### Sarah Dessen ALONG FOR THE RIDE

(Gr. 9-12) When Auden impulsively goes to stay with her father, stepmother, and new baby sister the summer before she starts college, all the trauma of her parents' divorce is revived: even while she is making new friends, and having new experiences such as dating and learning to ride a bike.



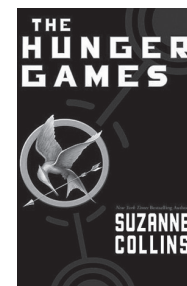
### Gene Yang and Derek Kirk Kim THE ETERNAL SMILE: THREE STORIES

Gr. 7-12) Graphic novel: Fantasy and reality collide in these three tales of a possible Prince Charming, a greedy frog, and a woman and her Nigerian Prince.



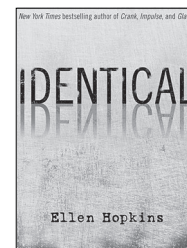
### Suzanne Collins THE HUNGER GAMES

(Gr. 8-12) In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival contest of young people from 12 districts competing against each another, the skills of 16-year-old Katniss are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.



### Ellen Hopkins IDENTICAL

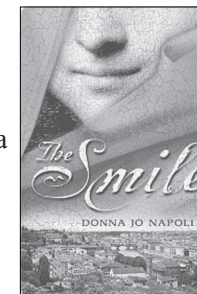
(Gr. 9-12) Kaeleigh and Raeanne Gardella, identical twin



daughters of a district court judge and a candidate for the U. S. House of Representatives, desperately struggle with secrets that have already torn them and their family apart. Hopkins, an award-winning Young Adult author, was featured this past summer in a special event for teens at the Hawaii State Library.

### Donna Jo Napoli THE SMILE

(Gr. 7-12) In Renaissance Italy, Elisabetta longs for romance but when Leonardo da Vinci introduces her to Giuliano de Medici, whose family rules Florence but is about to be deposed, she has no inkling of the romance - and - sorrow that will ensue.



## Keep Your Library Open,

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tions will be used to support HSPLS operations such as purchasing library materials, providing funds for core services and programs, and for other operational expenses. Only checks will be accepted. Please make checks payable to: Hawaii State Public Library System; write the name of the designated library on the check memo line and mail to: Office of the State Librarian, Administrative Services Branch, 44 Merchant St., Honolulu, HI 96813.

"The Friends of the Library of Hawaii are inviting everyone across the state - past, current or future library patrons - to donate \$3.00 for this worthy cause," said Susan Li, FLH President.

The Friends have formed a partnership with Bank of Hawaii, and set up a special account: all donations will be applied towards HSPLS' mounting operational costs.

The "Keep the Doors Open!" campaign will offer patrons multiple options (tax deductible) for supporting the Library System. For details, visit

the Friends' website:  
[www.friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org](http://www.friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org)  
or call 536-4174.

## Receive E-mail Notification

Have you switched to e-mail notification for reserves and items overdue? More than 1,000 satisfied HSPLS patrons have already taken advantage of this cost-effective and time-saving method.

The HSPLS e-mail option allows patrons to receive electronic notices instead of post cards. In addition to being environmentally-friendly, patrons who choose this option will receive notices quicker than those that are sent by U.S. mail. The e-mail notification program is expected to significantly reduce HSPLS paper and postage expenses.

To receive e-mail notices, just visit any public library and present your valid Library card and PIN. Staff will then start the notification process for you.

## We Love Our Library,

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In a letter, Rev. Chuck wrote, "I wish to thank you for your care of Waianae's jewel. It's my favorite place to visit whenever I come from the mainland for my summer stay. I love the way you treat every person, regardless of age or status, with so much courtesy and respect. I hope that the state of the economy will not curtail your services beyond those currently offered. Everyone benefits from having a well kept and current community library."

If you love your local library, how can you help it?

