

Philanthropist Donates \$20,000 to Hawaii's Libraries

Dr. Lawrence K.W. Tseu, a prominent Honolulu dentist and philanthropist, surprised State Librarian Richard Burns with an early Christmas present at the November 19 Board of Education Meeting.



Tseu

Dr. Tseu and officials from the Organization of Chinese American Women (OCAW) Hawaii Chapter presented a \$1,000 check donation to Burns for the "Keep Your Library Open!" fundraising campaign.

Dr. Lei Ahu Isa, BOE 2nd Vice Chairperson and OCAW Member, said "Being immigrants, mostly poor and hungry for education, Asian Americans have cherished the opportunity to use our public libraries. No greater gift could be given to further their education than a place that opened up the world for them, enlightening their minds and filling their souls with intellect from the printed words."

Dr. Tseu, Honorary Chairperson of the OCAW Fundraising Event, made a "surprise announcement" and personally pledged a total of \$20,000 to add to the donation amount!

"We are extremely grateful to Dr. Tseu for his generosity and sincere concern and aloha for our public libraries," said State Librarian Richard Burns. "We hope that others will be inspired by Dr. Tseu's spontaneous act of kindness and will help to support Hawaii's public libraries in these challenging economic times."

Congratulations to **Sheryl Lynch**, Adult Services Librarian of Kapolei Public Library, who has been elected the incoming President of the Hawaii Library Association (HLA). The mission of HLA is to promote library service and librarianship in Hawaii in cooperation and affiliation with the American Library Association and other groups having allied objectives.



Gov. Lingle Releases \$4.1 Million to Help Save Energy Costs

Governor Linda Lingle has released \$4,147,000 for energy efficiency improvements at public libraries statewide.

The majority of the funds, \$2,570,000, will finance additional design and construction costs for energy efficiency projects at various public libraries, including installation of photovoltaic systems and window tinting to control room temperatures

and lighting. In addition, selected libraries will undergo retrocommissioning to systematically optimize building systems so that they operate more efficiently and effectively. The improvements are scheduled to be completed during 2010.

The energy efficiency improvements at public libraries are part of the Lingle-Aiona Administration's continuing efforts to make state office buildings and facilities more energy efficient in order to reduce electricity costs and decrease Hawaii's dependence on imported fossil fuels. The effort supports the Governor's Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative, which aims to have 70% of Hawaii's energy come from clean sources by the year 2030, including 40% from renewable energy and 30% through energy efficient measures.

The Governor also released \$1.5 million to replace 18 year old air-conditioning towers at the Hawaii State Library. The project is scheduled for completion in 2011.

\$77,000 in additional construction funds was released for the replacement of the air-conditioning units at Kahului Public Library on Maui. The total estimated cost for this project is \$477,000 which is scheduled to be completed in 2010.



Kimberly Oliveira, President of the Organization of Chinese Americans Women (OCAW) Hawaii Chapter (middle), presented a \$1,000 check donation to State Librarian Richard Burns (3rd from left) for the "Keep Your Library Open!" fundraising campaign at the Board of Education Meeting on November 19. Joining in the ceremony, from left, are Garrett Toguchi, BOE Chairperson; Blossom Tyau, OCAW Chartered Member; Dr. Lawrence Tseu, Honorary Chairperson, OCAW Fundraising Event; Dr. Lei Ahu Isa, BOE 2nd Vice Chairperson and OCAW Member who coordinated the ceremony; and Carol Mon Lee, Chairperson of the BOE's Committee on Legislation, Public Charter Schools & Public Libraries.



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Seasons Greetings from State Librarian Richard Burns

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) would like to once again express a heartfelt "Mahalo nui loa" to the many businesses, non-profit organizations, patrons and friends, who over the past year, have demonstrated their love and support of our public libraries during these difficult economic times!

We especially would like to thank the Friends of the Library of Hawaii: for raising \$169,000 at their 62nd Annual Booksale and \$150,000 at their 16th Annual Links to Literacy Golf Tournament. Booksale proceeds benefit the HSPLS by providing public libraries with books, equipment, performance programs, scholarships and continuing education grants for staff members. Proceeds from the golf tournament support and promote HSPLS by encouraging reading, literacy and lifelong learning and supplement public library programs not covered by the state budget.

Currently underway are two statewide fund-raising campaigns – the HSPLS's "Keep Your Library Open!"

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Mark Your Calendars

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day holiday, all libraries closed.
Jan. 1, 2010 – New Year's Day holiday, all libraries closed.
For public service hours visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call your local library.

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Libraries Can Help Brighten Your Holidays

Public Libraries are the Best Deal in Town!



It has certainly been a challenging year for all of Hawaii's people. During this Holiday Season, we would like to offer patrons a "Top Ten" list of cost-saving benefits available from Hawaii's public libraries:

- The smartest card in your wallet is your Library card! Apply for one at your local library (first card is free for Hawaii residents, as well as for military personnel and their dependents with military identification).
- Free circulation of best sellers, books, magazines, compact discs and other library materials
- Free Internet access with a valid library card
- Free Holiday Season performances and informational programs for all ages
- Free Toddler and Preschool Story Times
- Go Green and Save Money!: Gift-giving ideas on a budget – check out Holiday Season cook books to bake cookies and other treats, and craft books to make simple crafts and decorations. Discover ideas for gift wrapping and bows, decorating your home, and planning your holiday festivities. Ask your librarian for assistance in finding resources at the library.
- 24/7 Remote access to online databases and the Library's Public Access Catalog
- Downloadable e-books, audiobooks, and e-music
- E-Reference (Ask A Librarian)
- DVD Deal: rent a Holiday Season Classic for just \$1.00 for 7 days! See "Holiday Season DVDs @ your Library" on page 3 of this issue.

Please visit the HSPLS website (www.librarieshawaii.org) for more information and to discover a wealth of knowledge and resources at your fingertips.

Breaking News: Library Furlough Days Begin December 16

The Hawaii State Public Library System is implementing "Furlough Days" beginning on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 through June 2011. All public libraries and administrative offices will be closed. Other December library furlough days will be on **Thursday, December 24** and **Thursday, December 31**. Please visit www.librarieshawaii.org for more information.

Book Publishers Support Libraries

Mahalo nui loa to book publishers who are offering donations to support Hawaii's public libraries! Interested publishers who would like to make a donation that would benefit all readers statewide should call the Office of the State Librarian at 586-3704.



The Islander Group presented a generous donation of local-style reading incentives for Hawaii's public libraries on November 18 at Kapolei Public Library. Here, from left, Jeff Swartz, CEO of The Islander Group, previews a sampling of the reading incentives to Carol Mon Lee, Chairperson of the Board of Education's Committee on Legislation, Public Charter Schools & Public Libraries; Susan Nakata of Library Development Services; and State Librarian Richard Burns.

George Engebretson, Publisher of Watermark Publishing (wearing lei), presented a generous donation of a dozen local and Hawaiiana book titles as shown on table for Hawaii's public libraries on November 18 to (from left) State Librarian Richard Burns, Ann Fujioka of Technical Support Services, and Carol Mon Lee, Chairperson of the Board of Education's Committee on Legislation, Public Charter Schools & Public Libraries.

Call for Student Entries

Letters About Literature

Hawaii Center for the Book invites young readers to enter the 2010 Letters About Literature contest by writing a personal letter to an author explaining how his or her work changed the reader's view of the world or themselves. Authors may be chosen from any genre, time period or country.

Readers in grades 4 through 12 are eligible to enter the Letters About Literature contest, which is sponsored by the Library of Congress' Center for the Book, in partnership with Target Stores.

The deadline for entries is Saturday, December 12, 2009. The required entry coupon may be downloaded from the Hawaii State Public Library System website at www.librarieshawaii.org. In addition, copies of contest guidelines and the entry coupon will be available in all public libraries. Teachers, librarians, and parents may visit the same website to download copies of the contest guidelines, lesson plans and writing samples.

The Hawaii Center for the Book will select the top essayists in each of the three competition levels: Level I for children in grades 4 through 6; Level II for grades 7 and 8, and Level III, grades 9 through 12. Hawaii's winning essayists will each receive a cash prize and a Target GiftCard, and their essays will be entered in the national competition.

National winners will also receive a Target GiftCard, plus each will win a \$10,000 Letters about Literature Reading Promotion Grant for their local public library or school library so that others can experience personal relationships with authors and their stories.

For further information, please call the Hawaii Center for the Book at (808) 586-3555.

Holiday Season DVDs @ Your Library

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

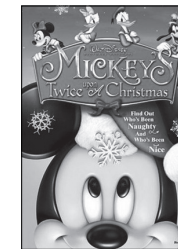
KWANZAA

Traditional West African drums, spirited dances, colorful candles, and customary clothes introduce young viewers to the African-American celebration of Kwanzaa.



MICKEY'S TWICE UPON A CHRISTMAS

Disney offers five festive and heartwarming computer-animated seasonal stories that extol the virtues of friendship and family.



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

The story of Santa Claus is brought to life through the magic of stop-motion animation. A friendly postman explains how Kris Kringle took it upon himself to bring some happiness to the children of Sombertown.



STORYWATCHERS CLUB: ADVENTURES IN STORYTELLING CHRISTMAS

Kids from the StoryWatchers Club learn that Christmas is more than just receiving gifts. Their story is woven around four Christmas tales from four amazing storytellers.



THIS CHRISTMAS

While gathering together under one roof for the first time in seven years, an estranged family celebrates Christmas by rediscovering long-forgotten bonds in this holiday drama.



WHITE CHRISTMAS

Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye star as song-and-dance men who hook up, romantically and professionally, with a "sister" act (Rosemary Clooney and Vera-Ellen) to put on a Big Show to benefit the struggling ski-resort lodge run by their beloved old retired general. This semi-remake of "Holiday Inn" features songs by Irving Berlin, including his Oscar-winning "White Christmas."



Library Fundraisers Receive More Than \$210,000

More than \$210,000 in monetary donations has been collected by the Hawaii State Public Library System's "Keep Your Library Open!" and the Friends of the Library of Hawaii's "Keep the Doors Open!" combined statewide fund-raising campaigns since they began in September 2009. The fundraisers, which are being conducted simultaneously, were initiated in response to unprecedented budget restrictions that threatened to close public libraries.

"We would like to offer a heartfelt mahalo to those who have made donations to our on-going fundraisers," said State Librarian Richard Burns. "Despite these difficult economic times, you have demonstrated your love and support of our public libraries."

Patrons are invited to make a tax-deductible monetary donation to their local library – checks may be made payable to the Hawaii State Public Library System, designating the local library on the check memo line. Donations may also be mailed to: Office of the State Librarian, Administrative Services Branch, 44 Merchant Street, Honolulu, HI 96813.

Collection totals are posted on the HSPLS website: www.librarieshawaii.org. The Friends of the Library of Hawaii is able to accept credit card donations to their "Keep the Doors Open" campaign either over the phone (call 536-4174) or at their website, www.friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org, which also updates donation totals on a regular basis.

Special December Hours at Libraries

Thirteen public libraries will be open on a day that they are normally closed around the Christmas and New Year's 2010 holiday weekends. These libraries will be closed on Saturday (December 26 and January 2, 2010) for the two holiday weekends. The special hours are:

Monday, December 21 & Monday, December 28

- Aina Haina, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- McCully-Moiliili, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Waialua, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Waikiki-Kapahulu, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Hilo, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Kailua-Kona, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Thelma Parker, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Hanapepe, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Princeville, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Kahului, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Kihei, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Lahaina, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



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and the Friends of the Library of Hawaii's "Keep the Doors Open!" – which have combined to collect more than \$210,000 in monetary donations since the September 2009 kickoff. (See "Library Fundraisers Receive More Than \$210,000" on page 2 of this issue to find out how you can donate to your favorite Library.)

Our sincere gratitude is extended to other non-profit groups and businesses for their generous monetary donations, as well as donations of new books and other library materials which have been added to our various collections. See photos of recent donations in this issue, as well.

Most importantly, we would like to express our appreciation to the many

patrons and friends who made phone calls, sent emails or wrote letters to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and State legislators requesting their support for Hawaii's public libraries.

With the possibility of more budget restrictions next year, HSPLS encourages you to contact your elected officials and legislators to express how important library collections, programs and services are to you, your family and your community. Public libraries provide a wealth of materials, programs and services at incalculable savings to all library users. HSPLS appreciates your continuing patronage and support!

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes to All for the New Year!