

Holiday Season, from front page

enjoy following the magic show, and light refreshments will be served while supplies last.

- December 11, 10:30 a.m. – **Kapolei Public Library** (693-7050): “A Christmas Concert” will be presented by **The Kapolei Chorale**. The chorale is composed of men and women from every major ethnic group in Hawaii who sing in four-part harmony and feature talented soloists.
- December 16, 10 a.m. – **Makawao Public Library** (689-1204): “A Cowpokes & Paniolos Christmas” will be presented by Peter and Melinda Wing. Uncle Bwop and Auntie Melinda will round up the dogies, load up the chuck wagon, sing songs, perform skits, and spin some yarns about Cowpokes and Paniolos. Come in your cowboy or cowgirl outfits and get ready to have some fun.
- December 16, 11:30 a.m. – **Ewa Beach Public & School Library** (689-1204): “How to Make Your Own Christmas Cards,” a demonstration and instruction program, will be presented by Artisan **Arnheidur Gudmundsdottir** in the Meeting Room. Learn how to make beautiful, easy, and inexpensive Christmas cards; all materials will be provided. Registration is requested; sign up at the Information Desk or call the Library.
- December 22, 10:30 a.m. – **Keaau Public & School Library** (982-4281): “A Special Storytime with Mrs. Santa Claus.” Mrs. Claus will share her favorite Christmas stories and talk about Santa in the Library’s Humanities Room.

Other public libraries are scheduled to host Holiday Season programs or events. Please visit www.librarieshawaii.org for program-event listings or call your local library for more information.



An induction ceremony for newly-elected State Board of Education members was conducted at the State Supreme Court Chambers on November 29. From left-right: Kim Coco Iwamoto, Esq.; Leona Rocha-Wilson, Hawaii Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald who administered the oath of office, Maralyn A. Kursals, John R. Penebacker, Dr. Eileen Clarke, Randall M.L. Yee, and Pamela Young.



The Board of Education honored and presented plaques to the following outgoing members for their service at a reception at the Hawaii State Library Courtyard on November 29: Karen Knudsen (center), 20 years service; Mary Cochran (second from left), 8 years service. Joining in the presentation are: (left-right) BOE Chairperson Garrett Toguchi, State Librarian Richard Burns, and DOE Superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi. Other outgoing members who could not attend the reception were Donna Ikeda, 6 years service; and Caroline Wong, 4 months service.

\$98,608 in Tax Refund Donations

Hawaii’s public libraries received \$98,608 in tax refund donations in 2010 as thousands of taxpayers demonstrated their support for the Hawaii State Public Library System by donating a portion of their 2009 tax refunds to the HSPLS Special Fund. “Thank you very much to all those who have contributed to Hawaii’s public libraries though this annual donation program,” said State Librarian Richard Burns. “Your continued support will make it possible for HSPLS to buy books and other materials that will benefit library patrons of all ages.”



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Hawaii State Public Library System

December 2010

Celebrate the Holiday Season @ your Library

By Paul H. Mark

SEASONS GREETINGS

In this special holiday season, there is much for which the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) and our staff have to be thankful. At the top of that list is the wonderful support we receive from our patrons and friends all across these islands. We are extremely grateful and highly motivated by your letters to legislators, contributions to our fundraising campaigns, tax refund donations (which reached an all-time high of \$98,608 this year), and unending generosity to HSPLS and our staff members. Mahalo nui loa!

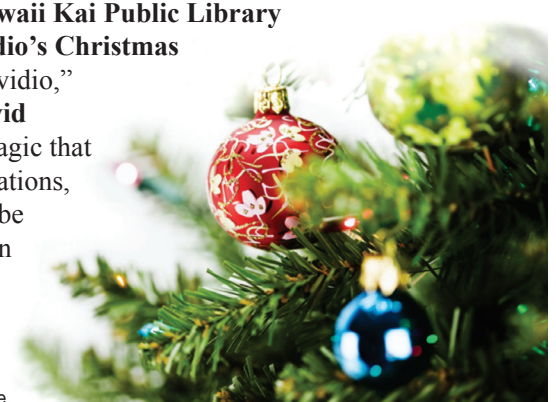


Richard Burns, *State Librarian*

The Holiday Season is here and it’s time to celebrate with us @ your local library! Come and see what the library has to offer: children’s Holiday Season books; historical and informational books about Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa; Holiday Season cook books to bake cookies and other treats; craft books to make simple crafts and decorations; how-to-books on decorating your home and planning your holiday festivities; downloadable e-books, audiobooks, and e-music; CDs, DVDs, and much more. Many public libraries statewide will offer special holiday storytimes and programs for the whole family to enjoy. All library programs are free. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Contact the hosting library as soon as possible if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed.

Among the storytimes and programs include:

- December 4, 11:30 a.m. – **Hawaii State Library** (586-3477): “**Ring in the Holidays**,” a concert presented by the **Honolulu Handbell Ensemble** in the Main Lobby. The ensemble, comprised of handbell choir directors and other musicians from Oahu churches, will perform music of the Holiday Season using English handbells and chimes. Volunteers from the audience who sing a Christmas song or ring a hand chime or handbell will receive a free Christmas music CD.
- December 7, 6 p.m. – **Kahuku Public & School Library** (293-8935). “**Sixth Annual Holiday Music Festival**” will feature “**Vocal Motion**,” the award-winning show choir of Kahuku High School; a **Brigham Young University-Hawaii Ensemble**, and **Hui Na Leo Nani**. There will be door prizes and refreshments will be served.
- December 9, 10 a.m. – **Pearl City Public Library** (453-6566): “**A Visit with Santa Claus**.” Keiki who tell Santa their Christmas wishes will receive a goody bag. Parents are encouraged to bring a camera for a photo op with Santa. Registration is requested; please contact the Library.
- December 11, 10:30 a.m. – **Hawaii Kai Public Library** (397-5833): “**The Great Davidio’s Christmas Magic Show**.” “The Great Davidio,” a.k.a. magician-dentist **Dr. David Brown**, will perform classic magic that includes animations, transformations, and comedy. A goody bag will be presented to the first 50 children who attend the program. There will be a Christmas craft activity for the whole family to



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Mark Your Calendars

Dec. 10 – Deadline for 2011 Letters About Literature essay contest entries. Readers in grades 4-12 are eligible to enter the contest which is sponsored by the Library of Congress’ Center for the Book, in partnership with Target Stores. Download the required entry coupon at www.librarieshawaii.org. For further information, call the Hawaii Center for the Book at (808) 586-3555.

All public libraries will be closed to observe the following holidays; visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call your local library for more information:
Dec. 24-26 – Christmas Day
Dec. 31-Jan. 2 – New Year’s Day

10 Top Ten Titles

The most popular Bestsellers, DVDs and CDs borrowed from Hawaii's public libraries in November 2010:

Bestseller

1. **The Confession** by John Grisham
2. **The Reversal: a novel** by Michael Connelly
3. **Don't Blink: a novel** by James Patterson and Howard Roughan
4. **Bad Blood** by John Sandford
5. **Safe Haven** by Nicholas Sparks
6. **The Girl who Kicked the Hornet's Nest** by Stieg Larsson
7. **Wicked Appetite** by Janet Evanovich
8. **Postcard Killers: a novel** by James Patterson and Liza Marklund
9. **Tough Customer** by Sandra Brown
10. **Santa Fe Edge** by Stuart Woods

DVD

1. **Iris**
2. **Next**
3. **Curious George 2: follow that Monkey**
4. **Walt Disney's Cinderella**
5. **Picture Bride**
6. **Jurassic Park**
7. **Princess Mononoke**
8. **The Red Violin**
9. **Bambi**
10. **Magnolia**

CD

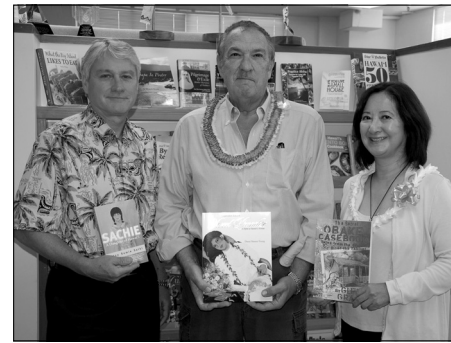
1. **HIStory: Past, Present and Future, Book I** – Michael Jackson
2. **Iz in Concert – The Man and his Music** – Israel Kamakawiwo'ole
3. **Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban**
4. **Christmas Collection: Volume II** – The Brothers Cazimero
5. **Mirrorball** – Sarah McLachlan
6. **Celebrate: The Three Dog Night Story** – Three Dog Night
7. **Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band** – The Beatles
8. **Honolulu City Lights** – Keola and Kapono Beamer
9. **Millennium** – Backstreet Boys
10. **25 Year Celebration of Mannheim Steamroller** – Mannheim Steamroller

Book Publishers Support Libraries

Bennett Hymer, Publisher of Mutual Publishing, presented a generous donation of more than 6,000 copies of six books worth nearly \$80,000 to State Librarian Richard Burns and Carol Mon Lee, Chairperson of the Board of Education's Committee on Legislation, Public Charter Schools & Public Libraries on November 17.

The book titles are: *Buckaloose: Kaimuki School Days with Israel Kamakawiwo'ole* by Sam Kong, *The Secret Obake Casebook: tales from the darkside of the cabinet* by Glen Grant, *The Price of Paradise: Volume II* by Randall W. Roth, Editor; *Sachie: A Daughter of Hawaii* by Patsy Sumie Saiki, *Sweet Paradise: A Hymn to Hawaii's Women* by Diana Hansen-Young, and *Painted Paradise: Life Lessons from my Hawaiian Easel* by Diana Hansen-Young.

Mahalo nui loa to Bennett Hymer, Mutual Publishing, and all the Hawaii book publishers who have made donations to support Hawaii's public libraries in 2010! Interested authors or book publishers who would like to make a donation that will benefit readers statewide should call the Office of the State Librarian at 586-3704.



State Librarian Richard Burns, Bennett Hymer, and Carol Mon Lee.

"Secret Santa" Loves Hawaii's Libraries

By Paul H. Mark

HSPLS has a Secret Santa! Throughout the past year, an anonymous donor has sent boxes of new DVDs via Priority Mail with no return address to more than 15 selected public libraries! The gift DVDs began arriving in November 2009. Hawaii Kai Public Library, Kalihi-Palama Public Library, Waimanalo Public & School Library, and Waimea Public Library (Kauai) received boxes of DVDs. In December 2009, Kaimuki Public Library and Mountain View Public & School Library also received donated DVDs.

Other libraries that have received a shipment of DVDs from our "Secret Santa" include: Bond Memorial Public Library, Hawaii State Library, McCully-Moilili Public Library, Hana Public & School Library, Kahului Public Library, Kapaa Public Library, Kealakekua Public Library, and Laupahoehoe Public & School Library.

Naalehu Public Library and Waimea Public Library (Kauai) have been fortunate to have received multiple shipments of DVDs. Titles include: "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," "New Moon," "Field of Dreams," "Tootsie," "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," "A Man for All Seasons," and "Schindler's List."

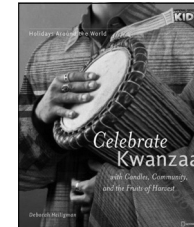
Lanai Public & School Library appears to be a "Secret Santa" favorite and has received several shipments of DVDs including titles such as "Twilight Saga," "Glee, Season 1," "Little Women," "Pride and Prejudice (A&E)," "Sense & Sensibility (BBC)," and new books including titles such as "Twilight: Director's Notebook" by Catherine Hardwicke and "Short Second Life of Bree Tanner" by Stephenie Meyer.

We would like to say mahalo nui loa to our "Secret Santa" and hope to meet with you someday!

Recommended Children's Books

By Christin Lyons, Children's Librarian, Hawaii Kai Public Library

Carolyn Otto
CELEBRATE KWANZAA
(Kindergarten-Gr. 5)
Find out how people in the U.S. and Canada celebrate Kwanzaa through real-life photos, recipes, crafts, and other things. The book includes a glossary of Swahili words and bibliography.



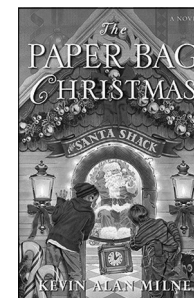
Laura Melmed
EIGHT WINTER NIGHTS: A FAMILY HANUKKAH BOOK
(Preschool-Gr. 1)
Learn how a family prepares and celebrates Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, in nursery-rhyme style. A background of the holiday and its traditions is included.



Rob Scotton
MERRY CHRISTMAS, SPLAT
(Preschool-Gr. 2)
Splat the Cat wonders if he has been good enough this year to receive a present from Santa. Just to make sure, he tries to be "extra good" on Christmas Eve.

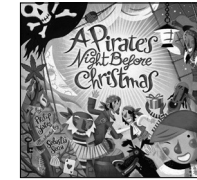


Kevin Alan Milne
THE PAPER BAG CHRISTMAS
(Gr. 3-6)
When brothers Aaron and Molar go to the mall to give Santa their wish lists, he gives them two special



assignments instead. Find out how they discover the true meaning of Christmas at the children's ward of a hospital.

Philip Yates
A PIRATE'S NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS
(Preschool-Gr. 3)
Shiver me timbers... it's the pirate's version of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas! Come aboard the Black Sark and learn what pirates do as they await Sir Peggedy's Christmas Eve visit.



New eBook Service for Blind Patrons

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) announces the addition of the Library eBook Accessibility Program (LEAP) to the programs and services that are offered to our print disabled patrons. This collaboration between HSPLS, OverDrive and Bookshare, permits Bookshare members to access more than 90,000 digital books, textbooks, magazines and newspapers at no cost to either the patron or HSPLS.

A twelve month membership in Bookshare is free for patrons who have a valid HSPLS library card, proof of disability, an email address and Internet access. Once a member is verified and approved, under the terms of this agreement, they are entitled to download up to 20 ebooks per month for a full year at no charge. The Bookshare collection is separate from the HSPLS Overdrive main collection of downloadable books, and may be accessed through a link from our home page.

"LEAP and Bookshare membership is a wonderful addition to HSPLS' existing materials collections, as it dramatically increases the accessible book choices for our patrons who are print disabled," said

State Librarian Richard Burns. "We encourage qualifying patrons to register and begin taking advantage of this new service."

Bookshare ebooks are available in DAISY and Braille formats, making it possible for these books to be read in Braille, voice or large type, using computers, assistive devices, Braille printers and mp3 players. Free reading software, including Read: Outloud and Victor Reader, can be downloaded and installed in individual computers to facilitate reading. Mac users also have access to these materials. A list of reading tools that can be used with Bookshare is available at the Bookshare website (www.bookshare.org).

In addition to its collection of popular materials, Bookshare was previously awarded a \$32 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education, which allowed them to offer free books to students. In 2009 Bookshare partnered with publishers of post secondary and K-12 books to provide digital textbooks for students of all ages.

To register with Bookshare, patrons can go to www.librarieshawaii.org, link to "ebooks, audiobooks and music", link to "accessible ebooks for the print impaired", and link to the LEAP website.

LIBRARY TOONS!

By Wayne Kaneshiro, LBPH



I am the ghost of books past due, Scrooge!