

Library Fundraisers, from front page

With spending restrictions still in place, these donated funds will now be used in many beneficial ways such as increasing our library collections, enhancing our technological support, and improving our operations and facilities for the public.

While we are no longer facing immediate furloughs for our staff due to the previous budget cuts, we are still struggling to keep up with the rising operational costs (i.e. utilities, postage, delivery, etc.) for our system. Even

though these campaigns are drawing to a close, we still need and welcome any donations to support your public libraries. Tax-deductible donations may still be made to the Friends of the Library of Hawaii at 690 Pohukaina St., Honolulu, HI 96813, or online via their website, www.friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org.

The success of these campaigns and outpouring of support offered to our public libraries during this very challenging time has humbled and inspired us. Mahalo nui loa and Best Wishes for a healthy, happy and successful 2011!

Isabella Bird, from front page

and wrote about, and she documented her trip in "Six Months in the Sandwich Islands," which was published in 1875.

Professor Kiyonori Kanasaka has researched and retraced Bird's journeys throughout the world, and the results of his travels are compiled in photos and maps, along with excerpts from Bird's own photos and writings.

Professor Kanasaka will be featured at a preview opening program at the Library on Saturday, January 29 at 11 a.m., and an official opening reception will be conducted on Saturday, February 12 at 11 a.m. during which Professor Kanasaka will offer a slide presentation and discuss his research and interest in Bird's journeys throughout the world.

The Hawaii Council for the Humanities, the University of Hawaii at Manoa's Geography Department, Center for Japanese Studies, and College of Social Sciences, Kyoto University-Japan, and the National Library of Scotland are sponsoring these events.

Contact the Library two weeks in advance if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed. For more information, please call the Library's Language, Literature & History Section at 586-3499.



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Donors Help Library Fundraisers Succeed

By Paul H. Mark

As we begin a new year, the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) and the Friends of the Library of Hawaii (FLH) would like to thank the hundreds of donors who contributed to the success of our joint statewide "Keep Your Library Open!" (KYLO) and "Keep the Doors Open!" fund-raising campaigns.

"Earlier this year, the Hawaii State Public Library System was facing budget cuts equivalent to two furlough days a month for all our employees," said State Librarian Richard Burns. "Through the combined efforts of HSPLS, the Friends of the Library of Hawaii and widespread public support, we were fortunate enough to have the nearly \$3 million restored to our Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 operating budget during this past legislative session. With the restoration of these funds to our budget, we have been able to eliminate all furlough days for FY 2011 and have begun to recruit to fill more than 40 of our vacant positions. It is now time to sincerely thank all our donors, and to bring these campaigns to a close. Both HSPLS and the Friends will end our fundraising campaigns on December 31."

The "Keep Your Library Open!" funds that HSPLS received totaled more than \$178,000, and the Friends received more than \$127,000 in donations to their "Keep the Doors Open!" campaign. Donations to HSPLS were deposited into each library's trust account as directed by the donors.

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HSPLS Core Collections Are Essential

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) increased its materials collections by more than 57,000 items and staff continued to provide essential services to our patrons throughout the past fiscal year despite a smaller operating budget, more than 100 vacancies and 15 Furlough Days.

Our materials collections grew from 3,657,735 in FY 2009 to 3,715,330 in FY 2010, which includes the purchase of more than 900 e-Books and Digital Audio-books, increasing that collection from 12,585 to 13,516. Overall circulation was 6.96 million, and patrons downloaded books from the eBook/Audiobook collection more than 23,000 times. HSPLS also provides free, unlimited access to an additional 20,000+ e-Books and digital Audiobooks through the Project Gutenberg collection, which can be accessed via the link on our OverDrive website.

World Traveler's Photo Exhibit is Coming to Hawaii State Library

An exhibit featuring photos by **Isabella Bird**, together with photos by Kyoto University geography professor Kiyonori Kanasaka, will be on display at the Hawaii State Library (HSL) from February 1 through April 2, 2011.

"In the Footsteps of Isabella Bird: Adventures in Twin Time Travel" is currently on an international tour, and this HSL exhibition will be hosted by the Library, in collaboration with the Hawaii Council for the Humanities, the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and Kyoto University-Japan.

Bird (1831-1904) was an English traveler who published several books about her remarkable series of journeys at the end of the 19th century. She suffered from several ailments during her lifetime and her doctors recommended that she travel as part of her treatment, so in 1854 her father gave her 100 pounds and told her she was free to go wherever she wanted. Hawaii was just one of the many places Bird traveled to

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Mark Your Calendars

Jan. 17 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday; all libraries closed. Visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call your local library for public service hours.



Kim Coco Iwamoto, Esq., State Board of Education Oahu-at-Large Member (right), recently donated 51 copies of "A'o, Ten Years of Light," a new photography book by **Linda Ching** (second from left), to the Hawaii State Public Library System.

Ching, who is an author, publisher, and artist/photographer, is known for her books about Hawaiian mythology, legends and history that are noted for their photographic illustration. Joining in the presentation at the Hawaii State Library are (from left) **Susan Li**, President of the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, and State Librarian **Richard Burns**.



Have you ever seen tour buses parked at a local public library for a children's storytime event? Nearly 100 preschoolers, teachers, and parent chaperones from Aiea Hongwanji Preschool arrived in style for a special Storytime on December 6, 2010 at Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library. **Curt Fukumoto**, the 2010 HSPLS Employee of the Year and the Library's Children's Librarian, conducted the multi-media Storytime about firemen. The large group's field trip also included a tour of the nearby Fire Station and lunch at the Salt Lake District Park.

Libraries will Host Reprise of Popular HTY Play

By Paul H. Mark



The Honolulu Theatre for Youth will present **The New Sense-sational Show**, a reprise of a popular stage production created especially for preschool-age children, at selected public libraries statewide January 8-February 23. Admission is free.

Directed by Enda Breadon and written by Oishin O'Sullivan and Sandra Payne, *The New Sense-sational Show* is a fun, comedic adventure, complete with puppetry and music. In a world where objects come to life,

Two Maui Libraries Receive Self Check-out Units

The Maui Friends of the Library has provided Lahaina Public Library with a new 3M self check-out unit in December 2010. More than 250 patrons have used the self check-out unit which helps to alleviate waiting time at the circulation desk. **Kai Payne**, 7, a Princess Nahienaena Elementary School student was the first patron to use the unit and is shown stamping his own book. The Maui Friends of the Library has also purchased a 3m self check-out unit for **Kihei Public Library**.

anything can happen. Follow actors Moses Goods and Maile Holck as they smell, taste, touch, listen and see how to make sense of the senses.

The New Sense-sational Show is recommended for children ages 2-5 and their families. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

The Friends of the Library of Hawaii, Marriott Resorts Hawaii, Ko Olina Resort & Marina, Hansen Distribution Group, HMS Host, Meadow Gold Dairies, Armstrong Produce Ltd., Bowman Connectivity Solutions, DFS Hawaii, Girard's Dressings, Roberts Hawaii Tours Inc., Toshiba Business Solutions, AI Narimatsu of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, and Anheuser Busch are sponsoring this 45-minute pre-literacy, pre-science program. Additional funding is provided by ING Foundation, Renee B. Fisher Foundation, Pension Services Corporation Hawaii, Rezents & Crowley LLP, Bank of Hawaii, Advanced Micro-Image Systems, CoreGroupOne, Kathy Choy, Zippy's Restaurants, and Safeway. Honolulu Theatre for Youth also received funding from Target and Oceanic Time Warner Cable.

The schedule for *The New Sense-sational Show* has been confirmed at the following libraries:

Oahu – Jan. 8, 10:30 a.m. at **Aina Haina Public Library**; Jan. 12, 3:30 p.m. at **Aiea Public Library**; Jan. 14, 3 p.m. at **Waipahu Public Library**; Jan. 15, 10:30 a.m. at **McCully-Moiliili Public Library**; Jan. 22, 10:30 a.m. at **Mililani Public Library**; Jan. 28, noon at **Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library**; Jan. 29, 10:30 a.m. at **Kailua Public Library**; Feb. 3, 3 p.m. at **Waiialua Public Library**; Feb. 9, 2 p.m. at **Kahuku Public & School Library**; Feb. 16, 3 p.m. at **Liliha Public Library**; Feb. 17, 3:30 p.m. at **Kapolei Public Library**; Feb. 22, 11:30 a.m. at **Hawaii Kai Public Library**; Feb. 23, 3 p.m. at **Pearl City**

Maui – Jan. 19, 2 p.m. at **Wailuku Public Library**

Island of Hawaii – Jan. 25, 3 p.m. at

Kailua-Kona Public Library; Jan. 26, 2 p.m. at **Thelma Parker Memorial Public & School Library**; Jan. 27, noon at **Hilo Public Library**

Kauai – Jan. 31, 2:30 p.m. at **Lihue Public Library**; Feb. 1, 3 p.m. at **Princeville Public Library**

For more information, please call the hosting library. Visit the HSPLS website: www.librarieshawaii.org for a complete listing of the program schedule which is subject to change.

If a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed, call the hosting library two weeks in advance on Oahu, or three weeks in advance for Neighbor Island libraries.

10 Top Ten Titles

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

Bestseller

1. **Hell's Corner** by David Baldacci
2. **The Confession** by John Grisham
3. **Cross Fire** by James Patterson
4. **Worth Dying For: a Reacher novel** by Lee Child
5. **The Reversal: a novel** by Michael Connelly
6. **Safe Haven** by Nicholas Sparks
7. **The Girl who Kicked the Hornet's Nest** by Stieg Larsson
8. **Bad Blood** by John Sandford
9. **Don't Blink: a novel** by James Patterson and Howard Roughan
10. **Wicked Appetite** by Janet Evanovich

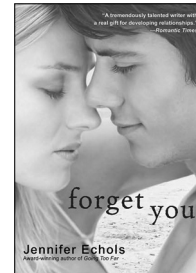
DVD

1. **The Closer: Complete Second Season**
2. **Next**
3. **Polar Express (2005)**
4. **Nangnang 18-se Sweet 18**
5. **Jurassic Park**
6. **Saving Grace: Season One**
7. **Iris**
8. **Rodgers and Hammerstein's The Sound of Music**
9. **Picture Bride**
10. **Meet the Fockers**

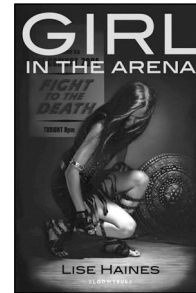
New Teen Titles

By Lauren Yamasaki, Young Adult & Senior Services Librarian, Aina Haina Public Library and Edna Weeks, Head, Hawaii State Library-Young Adult Section

Jennifer Echols FORGET YOU (Gr. 9-12) Zoey, swim team captain and all-around control freak, loses her memory of a pivotal night after a car crash. She is confused to find bad boy Doug, who always seemed to hate her, suddenly showing an interest.



Lise Haines GIRL IN THE ARENA (Gr. 7-12) Lyn lives comfortably as the daughter of a famous gladiator in this *Hunger Games* read-alike with a Roman twist. When her father is killed in the arena, Lyn must either marry or fight her father's last opponent – young, undefeated Uber.

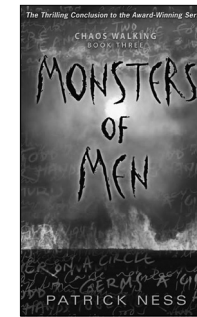


Shaun David Hutchinson THE DEATHDAY LETTER (Gr. 9-12) Ollie is only fifteen years old when his letter arrives giving him 24-hours advance notice of his death. With his best friend and recent ex-girlfriend tagging along, Ollie sets out to tackle a lifetime's worth of things to do in a single day.

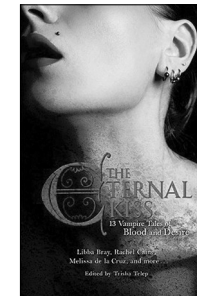


Patrick Ness MONSTERS OF MEN (Gr. 9-12) The Chaos Walking trilogy (preceded by *The Knife of Never Letting Go* and *The Ask and the*

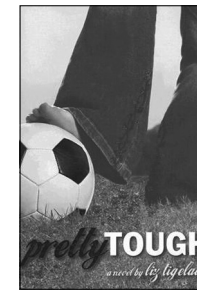
Answer) reaches its climactic conclusion as Todd and Viola battle to bring peace to a warring world where a virus has made men's thoughts hearable to all.



Trisha Telip THE ETERNAL KISS (Gr. 8-12) A collection of thirteen short stories that depict vampires, and features selections from writers such as Kelley Armstrong, Libba Bray, Cassandra Clare, Dina James, Lili St. Crow, and others.



Liz Tigelaar PRETTYTOUGH (Gr. 7-12) Bubbly, blond Krista Brown is pretty and popular. Her sister, Charlie, is more interested in braving the Malibu waves. But when Krista and Charlie are both recruited to the school's soccer team, they are forced to face their differences.



Kahului Library Reopens after AC Renovation

Kahului Public Library, located at 90 School Street, is scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, January 4 after completing an air-conditioner replacement project that took longer than usual. The Library, which has been closed since February 19,

was forced to delay its reopening after encountering several unanticipated and unforeseen challenges that complicated the project.

The original project was to replace only the air handlers in one of the air-conditioner systems servicing the library. During the final testing phase of the original project, a section of the air ducts collapsed, and the air conditioner's condenser for that system started to fail.

When this problem was corrected, the condensers for the other system shut down. Throughout this project, representatives from the Department of Accounting and General Services and the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) worked diligently with contractors to address the problems as they arose. This included re-negotiating and amending the original contract, obtaining additional funding, and delivery/installation of this additional equipment from the mainland.

After the air-conditioner replacement project completed its final inspection, the Library received a professional cleaning, and library staff worked quickly to unpack, sort, and shelve thousands of library materials that were returned to the branch during the ten-month closure, and to have them available for patrons when the library reopens.

Kahului Public Library was opened in February 1963 and serves as the regional library for Maui. In an effort to meet the demands of a burgeoning population, the Library was renovated in 1987 to increase the building size by 50 percent, provide air conditioning to the entire 16,000 square foot facility, and to add handicapped-accessible restrooms.

"On behalf of the staff of HSPLS and the Kahului Public Library, we sincerely apologize to all Maui residents who were inconvenienced by this extended closure. Our library staff shared in your frustrations at each delay and appreciate your patience, understanding, and continued patronage," said State Librarian Richard Burns.