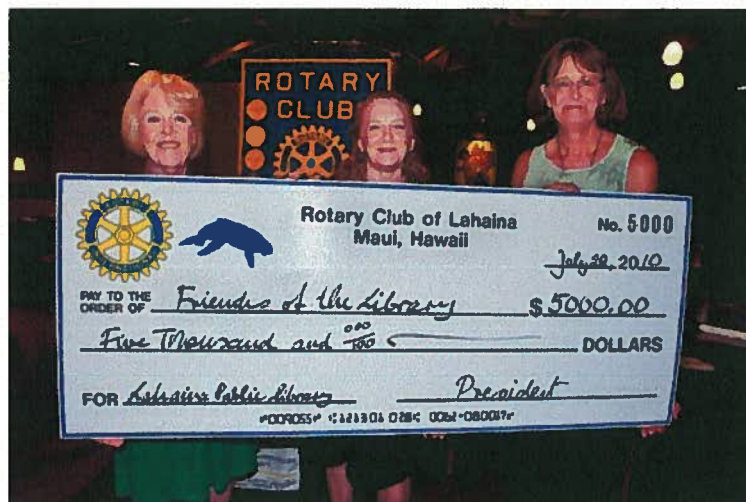


**BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
August 19, 2010**

State Librarian's Report

1. Lahaina Public Library Fundraiser – Savor the Sunset

The Rotary Club of Lahaina, together with sponsors Royal Lahaina Resort, Better Brands Wine Distributors and Maui Friends of the Library, hosted "Savor the Sunset", a fundraiser for Lahaina Public Library featuring food, music and wine tasting. The event was a huge success, raising \$5,000, almost double their goal, and plans are already being made for another event next year.



Madeleine Buchanan (center) receives a Lahaina Rotary Club gift of \$5,000 from Maui Friends of the Library members Sara Foley (left) and Sharon Woodall (right)

2. Email notices

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) has just completed our first year offering email notifications for our patrons. During that time, more than 41,000 patrons have requested this service, we have sent more than 175,500 email notices, and have saved HSPLS nearly \$51,000 in postage, printing and postcard costs. To begin receiving email notices, go to any public library, present your library card and PIN number, and we will activate email notification for your account.

3. Summer Reading Program Summary

This year's Summer Reading Programs (SRP) were very successful, especially the relatively new Adult Program, which had 3,964 participants who read 21,596 books (avg. 5 books per reader), a participation increase of 43% over 2009. There were 16,332 participants in the Children's SRP who read 219,643 books (avg. 13 books per reader), a participation increase of 5% over '09; and there

were 3,056 participants in the Teen SRP who read 23,883 books (avg. nearly 11 books per reader), for a participation increase of 5% over '09. For all ages, the total of 23,352 participants read more than 265,000 books during the five week reading program. We all know that children who continue to read throughout the summer perform better on standardized tests and in the classroom when school begins again, and thanks to the Friends of the Library of Hawaii and their corporate and non-profit sponsors, all our branches were able to conduct programs again this year. A list of this year's record number of sponsors is included in your folders.

4. Teens' Top Ten

Teens' Top Ten, sponsored by the American Library Association, encourages 12 to 18 year olds from across the country to vote online for their favorite books. Votes may be cast at www.ala.org/teenstopten from August 23 to September 17, and winners will be announced during Teen Read Week, October 17 — 23.

5. Actor Ricky Kim Visits Hilo Public Library

Hilo Public Library staff with Korean drama actor, Ricky Kim, when he visited the Library Wednesday, August 4. Kim comes to Hilo periodically to visit his mother and brother who live in Hilo. He appears in the Korean dramas On Air, Heading to the Ground, and most recently, in Jejoongwon.



6. Laupahoehoe Public and School Library Programs and Services

Branch Manager and HSPLS 2009 Librarian of the Year Gaby Casart is here this afternoon with an update on library programs and services at Laupahoehoe Public and School Library.

The Hawaii State Public Library System would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous support of the 2010 Children's, Teen, and Adult Summer Reading Programs:



Hawaii's Dairy



The 2010 Summer Reading Programs are funded by the **Friends of the Library of Hawai'i** and these generous sponsors:

Marriott Resorts Hawaii, Ko Olina Resort & Marina, HMSHost, Meadow Gold Dairies, Hansen Foodservice, the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc., Hawaiian Telcom.

Grant funds provided reading incentives, program supplies, postage, and performance honoraria.

Corporate and community sponsors include:
McDonald's Restaurants of Hawaii, Hawaii Pizza Hut, Frito Lay of Hawaii, Diamond Bakery, First Insurance Company of Hawaii, Bess Press, Islander Group, Mutual Publishing, LLC.

Performance programs are co-sponsored by the **University of Hawaii at Manoa's Outreach College, Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts.**

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LAUPAHOEHOE PUBLIC AND SCHOOL LIBRARY – PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Chairperson Toguchi and Members of the Board of Education:

Good Afternoon. My name is Gabrielle Casart and I am the Branch Manager of the Laupahoehoe Public & School Library. Thank you for this opportunity to present to you a brief report on services and operation at the Laupahoehoe Public & School Library.



Twenty-five miles from Hilo and Honokaa, Laupahoehoe is the only public library along the Hamakua Coast. We served as a public & school library, officially, until 2006, when we lost our school librarian position due to budget cuts. Laupahoehoe School has approximately 208 students enrolled from preschool to 12th grade. Half of those students come to the library weekly for class visits. I work primarily with the elementary school in providing story time,

library skills and book-related craft activities. Younger elementary grades enjoy folk tales, fairy tales, Hawaiian legends and contemporary stories, followed by an inexpensive, easy craft to reinforce the story. Because of budget limitations, most of our crafts are paper-paste-and-markers or crayons. Here are samples of some of last school year's activities. We are fortunate that HSPLS has an excellent artist-illustrator in our Library Development Services Section (LDSS); Edwin Kamikawa. Throughout the year, Edwin creates "cut & color" activities distributed by LDSS to the libraries. The children enjoyed holiday activities such as this Girl's Day bookmark and Boy's Day carp.

The older elementary students get an occasional story and related activity, but most of their class visit time is spent developing and strengthening their library skills. Throughout the year they learn to master the PAC (Public Access Catalog), library reference tools and to enjoy specific literary formats including poetry, fables, tall tales, myths and legends.

Through the resources of 51 libraries and an excellent interlibrary loan and delivery system, students and homeschoolers frequenting Laupahoehoe Library have access to over 3-million books and other HSPLS library materials. We receive twice weekly deliveries of returned and requested items from across the state and this island. Daily, we do our share and collect from 25 to 125 items from our shelves to send to other libraries to fill their patron's requests.



Laupahoehoe Library is open to the public 5 days a week, with one night until 8pm, for a total of 39 public service hours. There are two full time staff—a librarian and library assistant and a part time janitor. Our student helper comes in after school to shelve books, CDs and DVDs. We have the only public copier available between Hilo and Honokaa, as well as three internet stations free for public use.



We attempt to schedule our public performers (storytellers and puppeteers) during the school day to provide the best opportunity for the children in the community to enjoy the programs. Most of the children are bussed home right after school and so many parents are too tired after working across the island to come to evening programs. Our homeschoolers are always invited to attend programs and participate in our annual Children's Book Week Poster Contest.



Thanks to the generosity of Bess Press and the success of the First Book program (where Hawaii was awarded 50,000 children's books); we were able to give brand new books to the families participating in our Summer Reading Program this year. Two hundred eighty two participants read 2,522 books! We gave adults and young adults copies of "Iz" and "Hawaii Warrior Football" donated by Bess Press and a variety of children's titles from First Book. Thanks to the generosity of community partners, HSPLS also

awarded gel pens, Frito-Lay snacks, McDonald's apple dippers and beverages, and other goodies to our weekly summer readers.

We have a collection of 27,809, including 1,969 DVDs and 1,411 CDs which are extremely popular with our patrons and ILL requests. We send out many boxes each delivery! Our three internet stations are popular with students and patrons who live off the grid. All are eagerly anticipating installation of the new Gates computers received through grants written by our staff at LDSS.

Recent visits from DAGS and various consultants have prepared us for future improvements to our facility. Our library was state of the art technologically in 1972 when it was built and has withstood earthquake damage in 1973 and 2006. We had energy efficient lighting installed earlier this year and will be scheduled for glass tinting later this year to conserve energy. If funding allows, we may be re-roofed later this fiscal year.

Thank you for your continued support. We would welcome a visit to our library on the beautiful Hamakua Coast if your time allows.

Mahalo.