Wailuku Library Observes 80th Anniversary

Wailuku 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 “Hawaii 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 branch manager Susan Werner with a certificate (with balloon and certificate) won the Mililani Public Library Reader Top Prize in “Read to Live.” Wendi Woodstrup, Mary J. Cochran, Dr. Lei Ahu Isa, and the Friends of Mililani Public Library.

Makana Martin, Maui County Community Relations & Communications Director, representing Mayor Charmaine Tavarez, reads the proclamation declaring August 6, 2009 as “Wailuku Public Library Day” in Maui County.

Mililani Library Awards Reader Top Prize

Eight-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 reads six books for the prize, which offers cash prizes, was one of over 647 participants (557 children and 90 teens) who read at least one book, were eligible to enter the drawing which was sponsored by the YMCA-Camp Erdman and the Friends of Mililani Public Library.

By Paul H. Mark

Children’s Librarian Janet Yap of Lilhu Public Library is featured in “Read to Live,” a television document 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 Lynee Wahnee, author Lois Ann Yamashita, 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 9/20 at 7 p.m. Here, Yapo reads “The Little Red Hen” by Byron Barton to a captive young audience at Lihu Public Library while Hawaii Stars Presents cameraman Jeremy Kumik and audio technician Poncho Francisco Tenorio-Macias videotape the storyline for the TV special.

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, even increasing staffing shortages may force library administrators to reduce public hours or temporarily close libraries on an emergency basis.

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Re: 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.
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; Kaylarae Santos-Paglinawan, Wahiawa Public Library finalist (Kamehameha, gr. 9); and Rachel Tanoue/Aiea Public Library 2nd from right Moanalua High, gr. 9) shares 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.

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); Kaylarae 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.

Alyssa Fujimoto, a Kamehameha senior, shared the winning moment with her family—her mother, stepfather, and new baby sister. The summer before she starts college, all the trauma of her parents’ divorce is revivied: even while she is making new friends, and having new experiences such as dating and learning to ride a bike.

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.

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Susanne 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 against each other, 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) Kaelleigh and Raeanne Gardel la, 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.

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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 everyone, regards less 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 hav ing a well kept and current community library.”

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