Donations Benefit Public Libraries

During the 2009 Holiday Season, several community organizations have made generous donations to their favorite library or friends of library organization. Here are a few noteworthy examples from Hawaii’s public libraries:

Lahaina Public Library is the recipient of more than $3,500 worth of books from the North Beach West Maui Benefit Fund, a Hawaii non-profit organization. This donation has made it possible for the Library to replace more than 100 books in the Early Reader section, and a portion of the donation will enhance the Hawaii and Pacific Islands Collection. The North Beach West Maui Benefit Fund was established in 2008 to administer projects that will assist these Maui communities.

Waialua Public Library has received an estimated 150 new and gently-used books from an Iao Intermediate School community service project. Computer teacher Mr. Hansen and his students conducted a “Holiday Book Drive” for the Library, and collected a wide variety of children’s and other books. Most of the books will be added to the Library’s collection, and some will be included in the Bookmobile’s collection. The Library staff would like to say “mahalo mai loa” to Mr. Hansen and his students for their donation.

Four additional libraries: Kailua-Kona Public Library (Hawaii), Kaneohe Public Library, Liliko‘i Public Library, Kona Public Library, and Mililani Public Library – are the most recent recipients of real estate books donated by the State of Hawaii, Hawaii Real Estate Commission, Hawaii Chapter of Community Associations Institute (CAI), and the Foundation for Community Association Research. The collections of publications, valued at $1,500, are a part of the Foundation for Community Association Research’s Adopt-a-Library program.

Interested individuals, companies, organizations or service groups who would like to make a donation or provide a special service to your local library, are asked to contact the library manager for ideas and assistance.

Book Publishers Support Libraries

Benjamin “Buddy” Bess, Publisher of independent Honolulu book publishing company Bess Press, presented the Hawaii State Public Library System a generous donation of two recent Top 20 Best-sellers – 3,000 copies each of “Hawaii Warrior Football: A Story of Faith, Hope and Redemption” and “IZ: Voice of the People.”

“Hawaii Warrior Football,” written by J. David Miller and features a foreword by former UH Head Football Coach June Jones, is the most authoritative and significant book in the history of University of Hawaii football.

Author Rick Carroll’s book “IZ: Voice of the People,” which includes a foreword by Marlene Kuupua Kamakawiwo‘ole, wife of the late Israel Kamakawiwo‘ole, presents the life and times of one of Hawaii’s greatest musicians.

The books are worth a combined total of more than $100,000, and will be added to the sports and music collections, respectively. Other book copies are scheduled to be part of various library promotions in the near future.

In addition, Bess Press will provide a substantial discount on book titles for Hawaii’s public libraries through June 2010.

Mahalo nui loa to Buddy Bess, Bess Press, and all the Hawaii book publishers who have made donations to support Hawaii’s public libraries! Interested authors or book publishers who would like to make a donation that would benefit readers statewide should call the Office of the State Librarian at 831-3704.

Library Fundraisers Collect More Than $268,000

Statewide fund-raising campaigns – the Hawaii State Public Library System’s “Keep Your Library Open!” and the Friends of the Library of Hawaii’s “Keep the Doors Open!” – have combined to collect over $268,000 in mone-
dary donations since they began in Septem-
ber 2009. The fundraisers, which were being conducted simultaneously, were initiated in response to unprecedented budget restrictions that threatened to close public libraries.

“We would like to extend a heartfelt mahalo to all who have offered donations to our on-going fundraisers,” said State Librarian Richard Burns. “You have truly demonstrated your love and sup-
port of our public libraries during these difficult economic times.”

Here are a couple of notable highlights to our “Keep Your Library Open!” campaign:

Dr. Lawrence K.W. Tseu, a prominent Honolulu dentist and philanthropist, presented a $20,000 donation to the Ha-

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