by Cindy Chiu

Kaneohe Public Library, located at 45-829 Kamehameha Highway, will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on Sunday, January 27 with special programs and events including performances by award-winning slack key guitarist Jeff Peterson; renowned Native Hawaiian storyteller Lopaka Kapanui; award-winning musician Kelvin Chun; Hawaiian music by Douglas Poooh Tolentino and his band Paahana; and a petting zoo. The Friends of Kaneohe Library and the Friends of the Library of Hawaii are co-sponsoring the special anniversary celebration.

The Library, which opened in January 1963, was built to serve a community that is both urban and rural and it also serves as a back-up reference and resource facility for HSPLS’ Windward public libraries in Kahuku, Kailua, and Waimanalo.

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Thanks to the Friends of Kaneohe Library, the former Bookmobile Garage was recently renovated and transformed into a special Program Room which is now the facility for HSPLS’ Windward public libraries in Kahuku, Kailua, and Waimanalo.

The Friends have scheduled the following two upcoming fund-raising events:

- **Friends, Books, Music—the Sale**—January 19-21 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday). The Friends will conduct their fourth annual booksale at their Harbor Warehouse located off Ala Moana Boulevard on Forrest Avenue.

- **Help Literacy in Hawaii—Shine**—February 3-2. To coincide with the Centennial of the Hawaii State Library, the Friends partnered with Kraft and CVS-Longs Drugs to conduct this special fundraiser. For every Kraft product purchased at any CVS-Longs Drugs store in Hawaii, Kraft and CVS-Longs Drugs will donate 10 cents up to $10,000 to the Friends of the Library of Hawaii. Proceeds from this fundraiser will provide funding for programs, materials and services in HSPLS.

For more information about this book sale and fundraiser, please visit the Friends of the Library of Hawaii website: www.friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org or call 536-4174. Mahalo for your participation and support of these two fund-raising events!
Your Tax Donation Helps Libraries

Hawaiian taxpayers can make donations to benefit the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) just by checking a box on their tax returns. Taxpayers can designate $2.00 from an individual income tax return or $4.00 from a joint return, for the Hawaii Public Libraries Fund. A total of $67,422 was donated to Hawaii’s public libraries during the first six months of 2012, which enabled HSPLS to purchase books and other materials for patrons of all ages statewide.

“We invite all Hawaiian taxpayers to take advantage of this easy and effortless opportunity to help your public libraries,” said State Librarian Richard Burns. “Thank you to those who donated last year and we welcome their continuing support of Hawaii’s public libraries this tax season.”

Since January 2005, Hawaii taxpayers have donated $634,370 to the HSPLS Special Fund. Mahalo for your continuing support!

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of online resources and databases via the HSPLS website (www.libraryshawaii.org) and clicking on “Hi Tech Academy” or on the “Online Databases” icon on the main home page.

In an effort to further promote HSPLS’ electronic resources, “Go Hi Tech @ Your Library” signs will be posted on more than 500 buses of Oahu’s The Bus fleet in January and February 2013. The eye-catching bus signs will sport the red HSPLS library card with a yellow hibiscus and publicize HSPLS’ free Wi-Fi in all 50 libraries; Microsoft IT Academy providing free online digital literacy and technology training; e-Books, Digital Audiobooks and Music; ADA Accessible Workstations; Business and Student Online Databases, and will refer bus riders to the HSPLS website for more information.

The bus signs are provided by funding from Hawaii’s Access for All Grant through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and leveraged with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Opportunity Online funds. Matching funds are provided by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, the Omidyar Ohana Fund through the Hawaii Community Foundation, and Alexander & Baldwin Foundation.

The e-Books, Digital Audiobooks and Music, and Business and Student Online Databases are funded by the federal Library Services and Technology Act, which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday: All libraries will be closed. Visit www.libraryshawaii.org or call your local library for regular public service hours.