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(The next month: another Vocational & Career Collection)

staff made a team decision to stay open two nights a week to serve commuting customers, and to eliminate the slowest day of the week (Saturday) in order to be more cost efficient. In addition, the staff decided to implement a Monday through Friday schedule which would better serve the 28 public and private schools in their area.

Team members include: Library Manager Sandy Akana; Children’s Librarian Pattie Meierans; Young Adult Librarian Cynthia Frazer; Library Technicians Gail Kashihwara and Lisa Elson; Library Assistants Rochelle Yoshizaki, Carol Masaki, Kat Anderson, Bettina Zia and Steven Fredrick; and Janitor Thomas Burningham.

After a period of time, Team Kailua realized the need to be open on Saturdays. With the encouragement and support of legislators, Board of Education members, community leaders, and library administrators, Kailua Public Library was able to reinstate its Saturday hours in October 2004. Remarkably, the Kailua staff

was able to maintain the multiple projects that they had begun during the tight budget times, even though the staff was covering a six days per week schedule. Among the projects included a Photovoltaic System and Lighting Retrofit Project, which was made possible by an anonymous $140,000 donation. Staff worked around the clock to keep the library open 24 hours, utilizing the fluorescent light bulbs and 177 ballasts that were replaced. Team Kailua also volunteered in a variety of outreach projects which have increased their visibility in the

community. Among major partnership efforts include: theFlagpole Project, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Windward O’ahu, and the Courtyard Renovation Project, a collaborative effort with the state Dept. of Accounting and General Services, Women’s Community Correctional Center, Friends of Kailua Library, LaniKailua Outdoor Circle, and the Harold K. L. Castle Foundation.

In addition, the names of two Sustained Superior Performance Award recipients were announced at the Board of Education meeting: Claire Ikebara, Librarian V, Public Libraries Branch; and Geraldine Nishimura, Library Assistant IV of Hilo Public Library.

HSLPS Award Winners Named
By Paul H. Mark

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librarian who is highly-respected and greatly appreciated by both library customers and co-workers, who seek her assistance. A team that serves to work together efficiently, in partnership with each other and with the community.

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Wanted: Entry-level Librarians
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librarians and recent Library and Information Science graduates. If you are a Hawai’i resident and can picture yourself connecting communities with information, enjoyment, enrichment and knowledge, consider a career with the Hawai’i State Public Library System. Recruitment for entry-level Librarian III positions statewide is now underway and will close on Sept. 12, 2005. Starting salary for the Librarian III position is $3,030 per month.

“As a major employer of library professionals in Hawai’i, we have 51 libraries on six islands,” said State Librarian Jo Ann Schindler. “In a customer satisfaction survey, 81 percent rated us as ‘Excellent’ to ‘Good,’ a proud accomplishment, thanks to our talented and dedicated staff.

“We offer career opportunities that are both challenging and rewarding. We are currently investigating and initiating innovative services such as eBooks and digital audio books, self check out, and Internet scheduling and print management systems.”

Each of us is making a positive contribution to the intellectual life of our community.

(See Librarians Wanted, page 5)

Mark Your Calendars

Sept. 7-Oct. 19, Children’s Science Books Project: Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library, displays 182 new children’s science books provided by about 20 children’s book publishers. Titles are categorized under 17 subject headings in a free bibliography, available while supplies last. For more information, call the library at 831-6831.

Recommended Children’s Books

**By Melissa De Leon & Vicky Descotil, Hawai‘i State Library-Edna Allyn Children’s Room**

Lois Ann Yamanaka

**THE HEART’S LANGUAGE** (K – Gr. 4)

Set in Hawai‘i, this first picture book by Lois Ann Yamanaka tells the poignant story of an autistic boy who can communicate with animals and nature but struggles to speak with his parents. A magical blue bird helps this family learn to communicate their love to each other using the heart’s language.

Marilyn Kahalaewai

**WHOSE SLIPPERS ARE THESE?** (Preschool)

*New illustrations by Gavin Kobayashi help re-introduce Marilyn Kahalaewai’s classic rhyming picture book to a new generation of Hawai‘i’s kids.*

Steve Jenkins and Robin Page

**I SEE A KOOKA-BURRA** (Preschool – Gr. 3)

The author/illustrators of What Do You Do with a Tail Like This? offer a new book about the animal world. The colorful collaged paper illustrations allow readers to search for animals as they blend into their natural habitats in six different parts of the world.

Mark Alan Sturany

**ALIA’S MISSION: SAVE THE BOOKS OF IRAQ** (Gr. 1 – 6)

This graphic-novel style book is based on the true story of Iraqi librarian Alia Muhammad Baker and her secret plan to save the books in the Central Library of Basra. When the war brings destruction to Basra, Alia leads a group of Basra’s citizens who work to quickly move over 30,000 of the library’s books to safety before it is too late.

Catherine Thimmesh

**MADAM PRESIDENT: THE EXTRAORDINARY, TRUE (AND EVOLVING) STORY OF WOMEN IN POLITICS** (Gr. 3 – 7)

This lively and humorous book profiles 22 women and the roles that they played in the history of politics. The brief but informative biographies highlight the strengths and achievements of First Ladies, suffragettes, and politicians in the U.S. and around the world.

Jeff Stone

**TIGER: THE FIVE ANCIENTS SERIES** (Gr. 5 – 9)

Five young warrior-monk apprentices survive an inscription led by a treacherous former monk. They must use the ancient arts that they have learned to preserve the secrets of their ancient order. A stirring adventure story with plenty of action that will appeal to fans of martial arts and Japanese anime.

Friends Book Sale Raises Over $130,000

The recent 58th Annual Friends of the Library of Hawai‘i Book Sale netted more than $130,000. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Hawai‘i State Public Library System. The success of the week-long book sale at McKinley High School cafeteria was made possible through the collective efforts of many businesses, organizations and over 130 volunteers.

**Hawaii teens wins $1,000 Shopping Spree**

By Paul H. Mark

Amber, who had never won a contest before, read a total of 27 books during the ‘Ewa Beach Public & School Library’s summer reading program. An avid reader, Amber enjoys reading mystery and suspense novels. Last month, the three lucky winners, each accompanied by a parent or family member, were picked up at their homes in a stretch limousine, courtesy of Hawai‘i Pizza Hut, and transported to Pearlridge Center for the shopping spree. Lily Lum, a Lilii Public Library customer and a student at Central Middle School, was the second place winner of a $500 shopping spree. Adriana Wong-Sagia, an ‘Aiea Public Library customer and ‘Aiea Intermediate School student, won third place and a $250 shopping spree. Hawai‘i Pizza Hut, a staunch supporter of literacy efforts, has been the lead corporate sponsor for the popular teen reading program for 13 consecutive years. In addition to the shopping sprees, Hawai‘i Pizza Hut provided each of the 51 libraries with 10 Summer Reading Pizza Award Certificates for additional lucky drawing prizes.

The Children’s and Young Adult Summer Reading Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Hawai‘i. The generous co-sponsors of the Young Adult Summer Reading Program include Frito-Lay of Hawai‘i, Jamba Juice, University of Hawai‘i’s Outreach College, Hawai‘i Pacific University, and State Office of Planning/Coastal Zone Management.

HSPLS Removes Computer Games, Chat Rooms, Music Download Features

The recent increased use of computer games, chat rooms, and MP3 downloads by library customers caused severe slowdowns of the computer system network of the Hawai‘i State Public Library System. In addition, the ongoing use of these three features posed security risks with the constant threat of computer viruses being introduced.

Effective Aug. 23, 2005, the Hawai‘i State Public Library System removed games, chat rooms, and music downloading capabilities from its Internet access computers. HSPLS turned to current industry/government IT practice, which is to block these activities. As a result, HSPLS is experiencing better utilization of network bandwidth and system security is improved.

**Library Toons!**

By Wayne Kaneshiro, LBPH

and our public library system is certainly one that you can be proud of as well as proud to work in,” said Schindler. For more information, log on to the Hawai‘i State Public Library System’s website: http://www.libraryhawaii.org/about/library憶dicets/ or contact the Hawai‘i State Recruiting Office’s web site: www.ehawaiigov.org/statejobs or call the Hawai‘i State Recruiting Office at (808) 587-1161.