Castle & Cooke Donates $5,000 to O‘ahu Libraries

By Paul H. Mark

Castle & Cooke Hawaii, a division of Castle & Cooke, Inc., and a developer of master-planned communities, recently donated a total of $5,000 to two O‘ahu public libraries.

Kapolei Public Library received a $2,500 donation through the Friends of the Library, Kapolei, and celebrated by hosting a special program that featured storyteller/balladeer James McCarthy, and a check presentation ceremony. The Hawai‘i State Public Library System’s newest library used the donated funds to purchase an assortment of the latest books to enhance their children’s collection.

“We are delighted to accept this generous donation from Castle & Cooke Hawaii,” said Richard Burns, Kapolei Library Public Manager. “These funds will be used to purchase additional new materials for our Children’s Room, which will benefit the children of West O‘ahu and the Leeward Coast, as well as throughout Hawai‘i. Continuing support from community business and other organizations allows Hawai‘i’s Public Libraries to Strengthen our communities by providing more materials and services for the people of Hawai‘i.”

Last month, Millanil Public Library was the recipient of a donation from the Kapolei Public Library.

Kapolei Library is scheduled to make three other public appearances. On May 10 at 3 p.m., the author will visit readers at the Kahala Barnes & Noble store. On Thursday, May 11, she will participate in a DOE TV interactive interview at 9:30 a.m., and visit the Kailua Public Library from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Kapolei Library

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Mark Your Calendars

Apr. 14 – Good Friday Holiday; all libraries closed. Call your local library for holiday hours or visit www.librarieshawaii.org

Apr. 16 – Easter Sunday, all libraries closed.

Essay Contest Winners Named

Two courageous young girls who lived with hope while their world was at war, and three orphans who overcame a series of nearly impossible bad events comprise the 2006 Hawai‘i winners of the Library of Congress Letters About Literature contest.

Wai Sam Lao, Rachel Turner, and Nikki Picciotto will read aloud their winning essays on Saturday, Apr. 22 at the Hawai‘i Center for the Book’s Award Ceremony at the Hawai‘i State Library. The public is invited to attend the 11 a.m. awards ceremony in the Lobby to meet the State winners and runners-up.

The three winners are among more than 47,000 students who wrote essays about a book that made a difference in their lives. Organized by the Library of Congress Center for the Book and sponsored by Target Stores, the contest invited students from Grades
PRETTY PERSUASION
Scandal erupts at a prestigious private school when a female student accuses her teacher of sexual harassment. Meanwhile, a local reporter hopes the scandal will launch her into celebrity in the television news business.

UPSIDE OF ANGER
When her husband suddenly leaves, Terry is left to raise their four daughters alone. Next door neighbor Denny becomes her drinking buddy and slowly evolves into her source of strength. Stans Joan Allen and Kevin Costner.

Pretentious Library was the recipient of a $2,500 check donation through the Friends of Mililani Library, and hosted a check presentation ceremony. This Central O‘ahu library plans to purchase library materials for all ages to add to its collection.

“As we are thankful that this generous gift by Castle & Cooke Hawaii allows us to expand our materials collection and support the mission of HSPLS so that all individuals can meet their reading, information, and life-long learning needs,” said librarian Wendi Woodstrup, Mililani Public Library Manager. “Although these materials will be part of our library’s collection, all items will be available to borrow statewide. So essential to Castle & Cooke’s gift donation not only benefits customers in our Mililani community but also customers in other communities throughout Hawai‘i, as well.”

HUSTLE AND FLOW
A hard-hitting Memphis hustler has dreams of becoming the next rap superstar in this gritty story of struggle and redemption. Stans Academy Award nominee for Best Actor, Terrence Howard.

INSIDE HURRICANE KATRINA
Using comprehensive analysis of events, hours of government audio tapes, and personal interviews, National Geographic takes viewers into the eye of Katrina to uncover the decisions and circumstances that determined the fate of the Gulf residents.

LORD OF WAR
Nicolas Cage stars as Yuri Orlov, a Ukrainian immigrant to America who became one of the world’s premier arms dealers. This gunrunner’s tale based on the true story of Yuri Orlov, a Pakistani immigrant to America, who became one of the world’s premier arms dealers.

MURDERBALL
This is a story of a group of highly-competitive, quadruplegic rugby players. In this version of rugby, players smash into each other in customize wheelchairs. Off the court, they smash every stereotype one has ever had about the handicapped.

NewTeenTitles
By Cynthia Fruey Young Adult Librarian, Kahului Public Library

Chris Woolding
POISON
(Gr. 7-10) Poison has violet eyes and a contrary character. With only her wits and friends to aid her, she must survive the lethal attentions of the Phaeire, Lord, rescue her sister, and thwart a plot that could mean the end of her people.

Janet Elizabeth McNaughton
THE SECRET UNDER MY SKIN
(Gr. 6-9) Blay is an orphan after the technocast and ecological trauma to earth had left humanity struggling to recuperate. Her new assignment allows her to escape the workcamp, and her attempt to discover the truth of her prior existence reveals truths which may allow democracy to be restored.

Louis Sachar
SMALL STEPS (A SEQUEL TO HOLES)
(Gr. 8-11) Theodore (aka “Armpit”) is determined to make the “small steps” necessary to stay out of trouble: #1. Graduate high school. #2. Get a job. #3. Save his money. #4. Avoid situations that might turn violent. #5. Lose the name Armpit. He has managed to complete the first two but when his friend “X-ray” from Camp Green Lake shows up, #4 is in jeopardy.

Stay tuned for more information about the upcoming bookmobile fundraiser events.