The Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, which serves a dual role as a member of the Hawai‘i State Public Library System and as a Regional Library of the National Library Services for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, Library Congress, celebrated its 75th Anniversary with an Open House on Nov. 8. Library Manager Fujiyoshi Misyaro presents the special birthday cake.

Thank You Message from State Librarian Jo Ann Schindler:

Season’s Greetings! The holiday season provides a perfect opportunity to reflect on the wonderful contributions Hawai‘i’s public libraries have received this past year. The Hawai‘i State Public Library System is especially grateful for the tremendous support provided by the Friends of the Library of Hawai‘i and their generous community donors and corporate sponsors, through two major fundraising efforts.

The 13th Annual Marriott Links to Literacy golf tournament in September raised over $20,000 at Ko Olina Golf Club. This fundraiser benefits the Hawai‘i State Public Library System through the Friends of the Library of Hawai‘i, and additional funds were also raised during a silent auction at the awards banquet at the JW Marriott Ihilani Resort and Spa. Michelle Wie served as Honorary Chairperson for the third consecutive year. In its 13-year history, this golf tournament has netted over $700,000.

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HOLIDAY SEASON DVDs
@ Your Library
By Sally Woltersen, Librarian, HSLS—Arts, Music, Recreation Section

Here are some classic and timeless DVDs to help you enjoy this holiday Season:

WILL A MESSIAH: THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY PERFORMANCE
Famed in Dublin in 1992 on the 250th anniversary of the premiere of Handel’s Messiah, this concert performance features Sir Neville Marriner and his Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields with an international line-up of soloists, including Sylvia McNair, Anne Sofie von Otter, Jerry Hadley, Michael Chance, and Robert Lloyd.

SURVIVING CHRISTMAS
Ben Affleck stars as an executive who is tired of spending the holidays alone so he returns to his old family home. He offers the family there $250,000 to let him spend Christmas with them. His demands become annoying, but in the end they all find the holiday spirit!

Korean Library Foundation Donates Korean Drama DVDs
McGilly-Moiliili Public Library received a donation of Korean television drama and feature film DVDs, valued at over $5,500, from the Korean Library Foundation on November 16.

This generous donation included a total of 27 copies of 14 different kinds of popular Korean television dramas such as “Winter Sonata,” “Full House,” and “All In,” each of which has more than 100 customers waiting to borrow the title. In addition, the Foundation donated “The King & Clown,” one of this year’s biggest hit movies in Korea.

These DVDs will be added to the Korean language collection of more than 17,000 books and other materials housed at the McGilly-Moiliili Public Library. Customers with a valid library card may borrow the DVDs for seven days at $1.00 per copy. By using the Hawaii State Public Library System’s online reserve feature, customers can specify the library where they would like to pick up the DVDs.

The “Korean Wave” has been an overwhelming success in Hawaii, thanks to the phenomenal growth of the Korean television drama and film industry. It is hoped that this latest donation will assist non-Korean speaking local residents to learn more about and enjoy Korean culture.

The Korean Library Foundation, established in 2005 to assist the Hawaii State Public Library System to raise funds for Korean language books and other materials.

Korean Library Foundation

New Teen Titles
By Willis Oshiro, Young Adult Librarian, Hawaii State Library—Young Adult Section

An Abundance of Katherine
Gr. 9 – 12

Having an abundance of Katherine is not all it’s cracked up to be. John Green, the author of The Fault in Our Stars, has written a new novel about a girl named Katherine. Her life is turned upside down when her best friend moves to New York City. Katherine's new life is not what she expected; she is forced to change her social status by following its advice, much to the bafflement of her two best friends.

Living in an Abundance of Katherine is not all she hoped for. She now finds herself dealing with her mother's impossible objections, 16-year-old Caitlin determines she is certain doom. She feels is certain doom. She wishes her mother's impossible objections, 16-year-old Caitlin determines she is certain doom. She wishes she was back in New York City. However, she is left with the responsibility of choosing her own path in life but admits it is hard to balance her social status.

The King & Clown
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