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They are: Alton Chang, award-winning storyteller and former Oahu resident; California storyteller Erica Lann-Clark; and local storytellers Jeff Gere, Sandra MacLees and Denn Seki.

Gere is founder of the annual Talk Story Festival, Hawaii’s largest storytelling celebration, and creator/host of Talk Story Radio. He blends talents as painter, puppeteer, mime, teacher, and director into a performance style that audiences throughout Hawaii and the United States have enjoyed for the past two decades.

MacLees, a traditional American storyteller, uses drama and humor to bring to life folk tales, fables, myths, legends, biographies and history.

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The Teen Read Week 2006 celebration is sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, UH-Manoa Outreach College’s Statewide Cultural Extension Program, City & County of Honolulu and the Alliance for Culture and the Arts. Teen Read Week encourages teens to read for the fun of it and to use the resources at their public library to help them lead active lives.

For a complete listing of Teen Read Week programs, visit: www.libraryhawaii.org and under “Programs” on “Teens.”

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**All-time High**

**Marriott Links to Literacy Raises $120,000**

The 15th Annual Marriott Links to Literacy golf tournament recently raised over $120,000 at Ko Olina Golf Club, topping last year’s record high by $10,000. This fundraiser is a benefit for the Hawaii State Public Library System through the Friends of the Library of Hawaii.

The team of George Aipa, Sitia Lilii and Christy Remular of Beachside Golfing won the tournament, closely followed by the first-runner-up Roberts Hawaii team of Dean Mori, Kelly Nakama, and Naoyuki Takahashi. Both teams were awarded vacation getaways at the Waialae Beach Marriott & Spa on Maui or the Waikiki Beach Marriott & Spa on Oahu.

Michelle Wie served as Honorary Chairperson for the third consecutive year. Before turning pro last year, Wie competed for fun in three Links to Literacy tournaments from 2000-2002.

Funds were also raised during a silent auction at the awards banquet at the JW Marriott Ihilani Resort and Spa. In its 13-year history, the golf tournament has netted over $700,000.

Marriott International (Hawaii Islands Hotels and Resorts) is the title sponsor for Links to Literacy. This year’s platinum sponsors are Meadow Gold Daies and Unilever Food Solutions. Corporate sponsors are: Aloha Airlines, Armstrong Produce, Ltd.; Beachside Rooting, Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Hawaii, HMS Host, Hansen Foodservice, Roberts Hawaii and Starbucks Coffee. Hole-in-One sponsors included Honolulu Ford, John H. Connors Insurance, King Windward Nissan and Pension Services Hawaii.

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**Hawaii to Host Western Council Meeting**

The Hawaii State Public Library System will host the Western Council of State Libraries, which is scheduled to conduct its Fall meeting at the Marriott Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa, Oct. 16-18. Members of the Western Council, which includes HSPLS, are state librarians from 20 states west of the Mississippi River. This organization meets twice a year to share information on federal, state and local issues and legislation that impact libraries in their states.

Stephen Abram, Vice-President of Innovation at SirsiDynix, will be the keynote speaker. Abram, an engaging and brilliant technology trend-watcher, is known for his profound and illuminating observations and insights about the implications of these tech trends for libraries.

The meeting agenda will feature HSPLS, which is unique among the state library agencies in its operation of a statewide public library system. State Librarian Jo Ann Schindler will share information about the Hawaii State Public Library System’s history, challenges, and initiatives.

In addition to the regular business meeting and discussions, members are scheduled to visit the Hawaii State Library, Kapiolani Public Library, and the Bishop Museum archives and library.

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**Harry I Mua**

-Nov. 7 – General Election Day, all libraries closed.
-Nov. 11 – Veterans Day holiday, all libraries closed.
-Nov. 13 – Thanksgiving Day holiday, check with your local library for holiday hours or visit the HSPLS website: www.libraryhawaii.org.
-Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Day holiday, all libraries closed.
-Nov. 27, 28 – MLK Jr. Day holiday, all libraries closed.
-Nov. 29 – Student holiday, all libraries closed.
-Nov. 30 – Holiday, all libraries closed.
-Dec. 25 – Christmas Day holiday, all libraries closed.
WORLD'S FASTEST INDIAN
Anthony Hopkins stars as a man who spent a lifetime perfecting his classic Indian motorcycle. He sets off from New Zealand to clock break the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah. With all odds against him, he puts his irreplaceable Kiwi spirit to the test.

WHY WE FIGHT
Eugene Jarecki’s documentary film about the anatomy of the American war machine combines personal stories with commentary by military and political insiders. This film won the Grand Jury Prize at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival.

2006 Friends Booksale Collects $150,000
The recent 59th Annual Friends of the Library of Hawai‘i Booksale, Hawai‘i’s biggest and best book sale, netted $150,000. Proceeds from this sale benefit the Hawai‘i State Public Library System by providing public libraries and staff with books and equipment, performance programs, and continuing education grants.

GOSEP OF JUDAS
This documentary from National Geographic traces the story of one of the most significant finds in early Christian history. It combines dramatic recreations and insightful analysis to try to determine whether the Gospel of Judas is real.

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Nancy E. Mercado
EVERYMAN FOR HIMSELF: TEN SHORT STORIES ABOUT BEING A GUY
(Gr. 9-12)
A collection of funny, sad, and realistic short stories written about guys dealing with the challenges of being a teenage guy – from facing bullies, to breaking up with your first girlfriend, to dealing with family problems. Life can get complicated and these guys have been there. Stories by award-winning “guy” authors Ron Koertge, David Levithan, and Walter Dean Myers are included.

Margaret Peterson Haddix
AMONG THE FREE
(Gr. 5-9)
Luke, an illegal “third” child from a futuris-tic society flees to the Population Police when he refuses to kill an elderly woman who stands up to the officers. His act of defiance starts a chain reaction of events. How can one person’s act cause the collapse of the government? This is the seventh and final installment of the “Shadow Children” series.

Terry McMillian
IF YOU’RE CLUELESS: AND 23 MORE TIPS FOR HIMSELF
(Gr. 10-12)
New York Times best-selling author Terry McMillian offers practical advice for graduating high school students. Some of her valuable words of advice include the chapters, “College is a Place Where You Can Discover Who You Are and Get an Education at the Same Time” and “Read Anything and Everything!” McMillian’s words of wisdom are delivered with warmth, humor, and honesty.

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