Mark Your Calendars

Support Your Public Libraries; Donate a Tax Refund

By Polly H. Mark

Valentine’s Day is coming up in February. Do YOU LOVE your public library? If you do, here’s a suggestion on how you can help us during the coming tax season.

By donating a portion of your tax refund to the Hawaii State Public Library System Special Fund, you can join thousands of Hawaii taxpayers who have demonstrated their love and support of public libraries.

In 2004, Act 193 provided a check-off box on State Individual Income Tax Returns that allows taxpayers to make a token donation to support the Hawaii State Public Library System: just $2 for an individual or $4 for a joint return.

In 2006, $60,500 was collected through this tax donation program, which enabled Hawaii’s public libraries to purchase additional copies of children’s books and a variety of adult books published about Hawaii, that benefited library customers of all ages statewide. Since its inception, a total of about $152,700 has been collected to benefit Hawaii’s public libraries.

All you have to do is mark the appropriate check-off box on your 2006 State Individual Income Tax Return Form: Form N-11, line 41b; Form N-12, line 55b; Form N-13, line 24b. Mahalo for your support!

Need Tax Forms, Anyone?

Just in time for the 2006 tax season, all 51 public libraries statewide will serve as distribution outlets for State tax forms, courtesy of a continuing partnership between the Hawaii State Public Library System and the State Dept. of Taxation.

Library staff will supply the forms, but are not trained to assist with tax questions. For assistance, call the Dept. of Taxation’s Tax Information Line: 1-808-587-4427, or visit State of Hawaii website: www.state.hi.us/tax.

Do you need Federal tax forms? There are 34 public libraries that will serve as distribution outlets for Federal tax forms:

Hawaii – Aiea, Hawaii Kai, Hawaii State Library-Federal Document Center

By Eako Weeks, Young Adult Librarian

Hawaii State Public Library – Young Adult Section

Jordan Sonnenblick

NOTES FROM THE MIDNIGHT DRIVER (Gr. 9 - 12)

After being assigned to perform community service at a nursing home, 16-year-old Alex befriends a cantankerous old man who has some lessons to impart about jazz guitar playing, love and forgiveness.

Daniel Ehrenhaft

DRAWING A BLANK OR HOW I TRIED TO BE A MYSTERY, END A FEUD AND LAND THE GIRL OF MY DREAMS (Gr. 9 - 12)

Carlton Dunne IV, an outcast boarding school student with a secret identity as a graphic novelist, teams up with a beautiful Scottish girl to resolve an ancient feud and yearns to be an American police officer, to fall for the same Mr. Darcy-like boy and struggle to hide their outcast status.

Charlie Price

DEAD CONNECTION (Gr. 9 - 12)

A loner who communes with the dead in the town cemetery hears the voice of a murdered man, evokes his spirit to move forward, advance the future – is called into action.

Laura Ruby

WALL AND THE WING (Gr. 5 – 8)

In future New York where most people fly and cats are rarely a nondescript resident of Hope House for the Homeless and Hopeless discovers that although she is shunned as a “leadfoot,” she has the surprising ability to become invisible.

Polly Shulman

ENTHUSIASM (Gr. 9 – 12)

Julie and Ashleigh, high school sophomores and Jane Austen fans, seem to fall for the same Mr. Darcy-like boy and struggle to hide their true feelings from one another.

Ann Turner

HARD HIT (Gr. 8 – 12)

Sixteen-year-old Mark has an enviable life. When his dad is diagnosed with cancer, everything Mark believed in – love, God, the future – is called into question, and he finds himself wishing he were in anyone’s shoes but his own.

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Call the hosting library two weeks in advance if you wish to speak at a program.

Visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call your local library for more information.

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For info. visit: www.boe.k12.hi.us

See Grand Dame of Dragons, back page

Margaret Weis, an award-winning and bestselling co-creator/co-author of the New York Times bestselling Dragonlance, Darkword, and Death Gate Cycle and author of the Dragonvarld trilogy, is scheduled to speak at nine public libraries on Oahu and the Big Island, Feb. 10 – 17. Admission is free.

More than 22 million copies of Weis’ books have been sold and translated into over a dozen languages. This year, Weis is scheduled to release three more books: Warrior Angel, Dragons of Time and Dragons of the Highlord Skies.

The following libraries will host this author program:

Oahu – Feb. 10, 11 a.m. at Waikīkī-Kapahulu Public Library; Feb. 11, 3 p.m. at Kanoehe Public Library; Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m. at Millilani Public Library; Feb. 13, 6 p.m. at Wahiawa Public Library; Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m. at Kapolei Public Library; Feb. 15: Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library at 3 p.m., McCully-Moiliili Public Library at 5:30 p.m.; Big Island – Feb. 16, 3 p.m. at Hilo Public Library; and Feb. 17, 2 p.m. at Kailua-Kona Public Library.

Recommended for sci-fi and fantasy readers ages 12 to adult, these programs are sponsored by the host library’s

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