T he stage has been set... Glenis Redmond, an award-winning poet, educator, and performer, and Tom Oestreich, a best-selling author, historian, and nationally recognized authority on the American Civil War, are scheduled to be the featured performers for the 2007 HSPLS Children’s and Young Adult Summer Reading Programs, respectively, at selected public libraries in June and July.

Redmond, from North Carolina, is a 2005-2006 NC Literary Award recipient and a Denny C. Platter Award winner for Outstanding Poetry awarded by the Journal, Apalachicola Heritage. She was inducted into the Mt. Xpress’ Hall of Fame for Best Poet in Western North Carolina after winning for more than seven years.

In Redmond’s poetry performances, the printed word seems to spring from the page and dance, sing, woo and laugh. She tells stories with poetry—from her life, her family, her African-American heritage, and her sensitive observations of the world.

Experience “Word Power: Poetry for Kids of all Ages” with Glenis Redmond at selected public libraries on Oahu, the Big Island, and on Maui. This 45-minute program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, the UH-Manoa Outreach College’s Statewide Cultural Extension Program, and the Maui Arts & Cultural Center. Oestreich, who hails from Sycamore, Ill., has conducted more than 500 lecture presentations throughout the American Civil War for the past 35 years. His novel Present and Accounted For was featured at the 2005 Book Expo America in New York City. It is currently in pre-production as a made-for-TV movie. A sequel novel Will Honors was released in December 2003.

Go back in time to experience the Civil War with Author/Historian Tom Oestreich this July at selected Oahu public libraries. This program will include a Q & A session. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, this one-hour program is recommended for young adults.

In addition, there will be other performers such as: • Storyteller Vicky Dworkin, “Stories to Solve: Puzzle and Riddle Stories from Around the World” — children will be invited to offer answers to dilemmas that face characters in the stories.

• U.S. Army String Quartet — a premier ensemble of the U.S. Armed Forces
New DVD’s @ Your Library
By Sally Wolman, Librarian, Island-10, Art, Music, Recreation Section

BEYOND THE GATES OF SPLENDOR
Home movies, photos, and eyewitness accounts are combined to explore the misunderstandings that led to the 1956 spear-killing of 5 American missionaries by the Wao-dani Indians of the Amazon basin of Ecuador...and an amazing act of forgiveness by the surviving widows and children.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
Christopher Guest’s “mockumentary” on the making of an independent film and its clueless cast who become victims of the dreaded awards season hype and hoopla.

HOW ART MADE THE WORLD
Encompassing everything from cave paintings to ceramics and pyramids to palaces, this documentary explores the secret powers of the feature film; how politicians manage to manipulate people so easily; visions of the afterlife; and why we use imagery at all.

MAN OF THE YEAR
Robbin Williams stars as a late-night talk show host and popular comedian that turns the country upside down when he runs for president and wins.

ROCKY BALBOA
Rocky is back in the ring once again to put rest once and for all if he still has what it takes, when champion Mason ‘The Line’ Dixon challenges him to a fight. Sylvester Stallone reprises his role as the popular boxing champion, Rocky Balboa.

will also feature special programs and performances, such as award-winning poet Genius Redmond (see story on front page). Contact your local library for more information.

Get A Clue @ Your Library
Children are invited to sign up for the 2007 Hawaii State Public Library System Summer Reading Program!

This free, 5-week program will be conducted statewide from June to July at all 51 public libraries. Eligible participants are those who will be in preschool to grade 6 in the fall, and adults may read aloud to children, from preschool to grade 2. Participating children are encouraged to get into the reading habit by visiting the library once a week, read at least one book per week, and receive a free reading incentive, while supplies last.

In addition, five lucky winners will be selected to win a $500 bookstore gift card. One winner will be chosen from East Oahu, West Oahu, the Big Island, Maui County and Kauai.

A “Get A Clue” is this year’s theme, which will highlight books and stories about mystery and suspense.

This program is funded by a special grant from the Friends of the Library of Hawaii and the National Football League Charities, and other long-standing sponsors for summer reading program incentives: McDonald’s Restaurants of Hawaii, Diamond Bakery, First Insurance Company of Hawaii and the UH-Manoa Outreach College. In addition, local Friends’ chapters are contributing as sponsors to the program.

To register for this reading program, visit any public library and sign up. Throughout the summer, public libraries

will feature special programs and performances, such as award-winning poet Genius Redmond (see story on front page). Contact your local library for more information.

NYK (You Never Know) @ Your Library
By Paul H. Mark

T eens, did you know that reading can help solve a problem? You never know unless you try. Start by signing up for “NYK (You Never Know),” the 2007 Hawaii State Public Library System Young Adult Summer Reading Program. This year’s theme highlights mystery, crime and CSI-themed books.

This free, statewide program will be offered from June to July at all 51 public libraries. The program is funded by a special grant from the Friends of the Library of Hawaii and the National Football League Charities, long-time lead sponsors.

Students entering 7th grade this fall through 2007 high school graduates are eligible to participate. Readers should visit their local library weekly, read at least one book per week, and receive reading incentives from the sponsors, while supplies last.

Enter for a chance to win a $1,000, $500 or $250 shopping spree at Pearlridge Center. The statewide shopping spree sweepstakes drawing is sponsored by Hawaii Pizza Hut, and contributing sponsors Frío-Lay of Hawaii and local Friends’ chapters.

Great Performances, from front page that performs in some of America’s best venues for the President, Congressional members, and visiting dignitaries.

The following performance programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, National Football League Charities, and the UH-Manoa Outreach College’s Statewide Cultural Extension Program:

• Janice Terukina, “Island Kine Stories” – Auntie Jan will share humorous “local style” folktales, poetry, and participatory games.

• Gregory Galloway, “Cultures of the World” – a Native American who will share information about medieval weapons and warfare.

• Magical Storyteller Yona Chock – “Get a Clue” with the mysteries of magic, storytelling and balloon sculpting.

Visit wwwlibrarieshawaii.org for a complete list of programs and performers. Program schedules are subject to change, and all attending libraries as soon as possible if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed.

New Teen Titles
By Linda Medrano, Young Adult Librarian
Kaneohe Public Library

Leslie Dundy & Mel Bording
GUINEA PIG SCIENTISTS
(Gr. 5-8) The lives of 10 men and women who literally dedicated their lives to science are examined in this nonfiction book. Sometimes disgusting but always compelling, these case studies describe each scientist’s discoveries and challenges.

Kazu Kibuishi, Editor
FLIGHT, VOL. 3
(Gr. 5-8) This fantasy anthology exhibits the amazing artwork of several Web cartoonists, animators and other artists. The short stories include selections about life and death, dragons and sharks, bunnies and milkshakes, and monsters and afternoon tea.

Gregory Galloway
AS SIMPLE AS SNOW
(Gr.10-up) Anna is the new Goth girl at school, and to say that she is a bit eccentric is putting it mildly. The narrator falls in love with Anna and the two have a happy though unlikely relationship. Then Anna disappears, and the narrator reexamines his past several months with her. He is desperate to find her and uncovers hidden meanings and secret messages.

Ally Carter
I’D TELL YOU I LOVE YOU, BUT THEN I’D HAVE TO KILL YOU
(Gr. 7-10) Light-hearted book recommended for Meg Cabot fans: Cammie Morgan has gotten the best education in covert operations at the Gallagher Academy, taking courses like advanced encryption, chemical warfare and advanced martial arts. But Cammie discovers that her espionage skills have practical purposes as well when she falls in love with Josh.

The Hawaii Center for the Book honored the 2007 Letters About Literature Award winners in a ceremony on Apr. 28 at the Hawaii State Library. From left, Level I Honorable Mention: Andrew Chang of Aiea; Level III: Sarah Panokoa, grade 10, Nanakuli High & Intermediate School, for essay on “The Lord of the Flies” by William Golding; Level II: Gerrit DeWeese, grade 7, Kahuku High & Intermediate School, for essay on “Surfing the Himalayas” by Freddick Mason; Level I: Jenna Bleu Fort, grade 5, Aina Haina Elementary School, for essay on “Ella Enchanted” by Gail Carson Levine; Level I Honorable Mention: Erin Voss of Kailua; and Level II Honorable Mention: Jordan Hendricks of Aiea. Not in photo: Level III Honorable Mention: Emily Farm and Lacey Farm of Kula, Maui.
Mark Your Calendars