See Olympics Memorabilia on Display

In celebration of the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, the Hawaii State Library will host a special Olympics Memorabilia Display during the month of August, which includes part of a collection of more than 10,000 items owned by Jin de Silva, 80, a lifelong Olympics and memorabilia enthusiast. De Silva’s vast collection covers a wide range of items such as commemorative and participation medals, stamps, ceramics, utensils, clothing, posters and programs. Unlike some collectors, de Silva’s memorabilia are not for sale; he hopes that some day these items will be displayed in a museum for the enjoyment and inspiration of future generations.

In addition, there is a replica of the torch used by Mexican hurdler Enriqueta Basilio, who became the first woman to light the cauldron at the Opening Ceremony, courtesy of Miguel Solis.

This display is located on both floors of the Library: next to the Hawaii and Pacific Section on the first floor and in the Business, Science and Technology Section on the second floor, and may be viewed during regular library hours. For more information, call the library’s Art, Music & Recreation Section at 586-3520.

Summer Reading Programs Benefit from Major Grants

Once again this year, the Friends of the Library of Hawaii has supported the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) Summer Reading programs by providing hundreds of reading incentives, both small and large. The Friends provided Apple iPod Shuffles, to each of our public libraries; 400 thermal beverage tumblers from Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf-Hawaii; and assorted other incentives which went to readers of all ages, from infants to adults.

The Apple iPod Shuffles have been awarded to lucky participants in the Teen Summer Reading Program who had their names drawn at random. These MP3 players were a creative complement to this year’s theme – “iRead,” which highlighted books and information about technology, innovation and ingenuity.

Funds from this Friends’ grant also provided other reading incentive rewards for children and teens, as well as for performance programs for the 2008 HSPLS Children’s Summer Reading Program. The thermal tumblers were a popular item awarded to participants of the first annual HSPLS Adult Summer Reading Program at 20 public libraries which volunteered to host this pilot project.

In addition to the tumblers, our corporate sponsor for the Adult Summer Reading Program, The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf-Hawaii, provided hundreds of food and beverage stamp cards for use as reading incentive rewards.

We are very appreciative of the support shown by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii and all of our corporate sponsors: Children’s Program – the NFL Charities, McDonald’s Restaurants of Hawaii, UH-Manoa Outreach College, First Insurance Company of Hawaii, Diamond Bakery; and for the Teen Program – Hawaii Pizza Hut, Frito-Lay of Hawaii, NFL Charities, and local Friends’ chapters.

Voter Registration Forms Available at Libraries

Voting is an essential part of our democratic process. By voting, we select the representatives who make decisions affecting ourselves, our families and our communities. Show you care about Hawaii’s future – register to vote! As a public service, all HSPLS libraries statewide will provide WikiWiki Voter Registration Forms. 2008 Registration deadlines: Primary Election – August 21; General Election – October 6.

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All libraries will be closed:
Aug. 15 – Statehood Day Holiday, visit www.librarieshawaii.org for re-opening dates or call your local library.
Aug. 30 – Sept. 1 – Labor Day Holiday, visit www.librarieshawaii.org for holiday hours or call your local library.
By Nicole Manfredi, Young Adult Librarian, Kaimuki Public Library

L. J. Adlington
CHERRY HEAVEN
(Gr. 9-12) After the wars, teenage sisters Kat and Tanka leave the city with their foster parents for a fresh start on the New Frontier. A renegade factory worker wants to start her own life too, even if it means proving the fabulous New Frontier is not as splendid as it seems. (Companion to The Diary of Pelly D.)

Siobhan Dowd
THE LONDON EYE MYSTERY
(Gr. 7-12) Bickering siblings Kat and Ted take their cousin, Salim, on one last London excursion before he moves with his mum to New York. But when Salim never seems to return from his trip on the London Eye, Kat and Ted must join forces to help their parents and the police find their cousin.

Lemony Snicket
HORSERADISH: BITTER TRUTHS YOU CAN’T AVOID
(Gr. 7-12) True to his despairing nature, Snicket provides many gloomy yet insightful quotes in this collection of proverbs. Some are a bit nonsensical, while others prove quite useful to everyday life, such as: “It is very easy to say that the important thing is to try your best, but if you are in real trouble the most important thing is not trying your best, but getting to safety.”

Suzanne Weyn
REINCARNATION
(Gr. 9-12) Reincarnation follows the lives of two souls through prehistoric and ancient times, witch trials and world wars, and finally the present day as they continually meet each other, first as enemies and finally finding true love.

Look… you can see it on the Big Island! Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No it’s Commander H Superhero! Commander H, a colorful fiberglass artwork of a Hawaiian honu (turtle) superhero created by artist Gail Duituturaga, is currently on display at the Hilo Public Library through mid-September 2008. Commander H “takes” keiki on reading adventures through the universe, and is adorned with a cape featuring a decoupage of famous book titles, resined books and surfing keiki “riding” the books. This display is part of “It’s a Honu World,” a Big Island community art project.

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