Attend Consumer Wise Fairs at Four Oahu Libraries

T he Hawaii State Public Library System is teaming with the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and other state and federal agencies to present “Consumer Wise,” a series of consumer fairs for adults at four selected Oahu public libraries, from April 15 – May 22. Admission is free.

From seven local state and federal agencies will be on hand to answer consumer questions and provide informational brochures and other materials on how to become a smarter consumer. Participating agencies will vary by library location.

Topics presented will include: keeping your identity safe, information on Medicare and senior services, investment scams, starting a business, and how to save for college.

Here is the schedule of “Consumer Wise” fairs:

April 15 ~ 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.; Kalihi-Palama Public Library, 1325 Kalihi St., 832-3466
April 21, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Aiea Public Library, 99-143 Moanalua Rd., 483-7333
May 13, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Li‘iloli Public Library, 1515 Li‘iloli St., 587-7577
May 22, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Aina Haina Public Library, 5246 Kalanianaole Hwy., 377-2456

Contact the hosting library two weeks in advance if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed.

For more information, please call the hosting library or the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs at 586-2760.

Share Your Memories of Manoa Library

T he Manoa Public Library, located at 2716 Woodlawn Drive, was built more than 40 years ago for what was then a small rural community. Decades of effort by Manoa’s community and legislators have resulted in a new, larger, and “green” Manoa Public Library to be built on the same site. Demolition and construction are scheduled to begin later this year, and will take about two years to complete.

While the new library is being built, two portable classrooms across the street at Noælani Elementary School will serve as the interim Manoa Public Library. Upon completion of the new library, these rooms will be used as classrooms for the school.

In the meantime, patrons are invited to express their aloha for the “old” Manoa Public Library (1966-2009) by contributing a poem, picture, or letter to a memorial art piece that will be displayed in the “new” library. See www.libraryhawaii.org for a complete listing of poster contest winners.

Mahalo for your Support

By Paul H. Mark

T he Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) would like to say mahalo nui loa to the many patrons and friends who, over the past few months, have made phone calls, sent emails or wrote letters to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and State legislators requesting their support to approve no more than a 10 percent budget reduction for our public libraries.

A wellspring of support rose from the Friends of the Library of Hawaii (FLH), local friends affiliates, and the Korean Library Foundation (KLF). Twelve FLH volunteers spent a day at the State Capitol going door-to-door to request support for public libraries from the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, every legislator, and even from U.S. Senator Dan Inouye, who happened to be there that day!

“Everyone that we met said that they loved public libraries,” said Byrde Cestare, FLH Executive Director. “We told them that they need to keep public libraries in their frontal lobe. We reminded them that public libraries play an important role in education and support lifelong learning.”

The KLF demonstrated their support for 2009 by offering the theme for National Library Week, which is “Worlds Connect @ your library.”

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, National Library Week will be from April 12-18, and public libraries will host special free programs throughout the month. The American Library Association selects the theme for this special week, and for 2009 they have chosen “Worlds connect @ your library.”

Hawaii’s public libraries will offer programs featuring these popular storytellers and performing artists:

• April 8-29 – Storyteller Janice Terukina, Island Kine Stories – at 12 selected Oahu, Big Island and Maui libraries. Terukina, a veteran actress from Honolulu, has appeared in numerous television and film roles and in numerous “local style” folktales, poetry and participatory games from around the world. Recommended for preschool age and older.
• April 13-29 – Storyteller Jeff Moffat, Performing Arts – Los Angeles. Auntie Jan will share humorous “local style” folktales, poetry and participatory games from around the world. Recommended for preschool age and older.

Library Week will be from April 12-18, and public libraries will offer free programs for 2009. Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannen has chosen the theme “Worlds Connect @ your library.” A 13-member board selected the theme from among 19 entries from across the nation – is the perfect time to discover how worlds connect @ your library.

A local event is a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide – the perfect time to discover how worlds connect @ your library.

Staged film, in Hawaii, and performed by the East West Players in Los Angeles. Auntie Jan will share humorous “local style” folktales, poetry and participatory games from around the world. Recommended for preschool age and older.

• April 13-29 – Storyteller Jeff Moffat will perform at five selected Big Island, Kauai and Maui libraries. Moffat, a veteran of the Talk Story Festival, is known for his physical style of storytelling and rubbery face. Recommended for elementary age and older.

• April 14-21 – Storyteller Ben Moffat, Making Stories: Tales About the Creative Process – at three selected Big Island, Maui and Molokai libraries. Moffat, a

The Hawaii State Library hosted “Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, a Man for All Times,” the national traveling exhibit organized by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Here, the library conducted an award ceremony to honor the winners of a statewide Student Poster Contest based on the exhibit theme. From left, 1st place: Sarah Fusato, 2nd place: Elem. level, gr. 1, Kula Elem. (Maui); Hyojee Chol, Honorable Mention-Elem. level, gr. 1, Lincoln Elem. (Oahu); Emily Edwards, 3rd place-Elem. level, gr. 4, Ewa Elem.; Edison Calaio, Honorable Mention-Elem. level, gr. 4, Ewa Elem.; McErlie Dave Andres, 1st place-Elem. level, gr. 5, Ewa Elem.; Elana Hanan, 2nd place-Middle School level, gr. 7, Kapolei Middle; Leah Kakuni, Honorable Mention-Elem. level, gr. 5, Hongwanji Mission. Row 3: Rachel Nassbaum, 2nd place-High School level, gr. 12, Laupahoehoe High & Elem.; Tran Dinh, 1st place-High School level, gr. 9, Roosevelt; Sarah Zhang, Honorable-Middle School level, gr. 7, Maryknoll; and Joshua Nicely, Honorable-Middle School level, gr. 8, Christian Academy. Visit www.librarieshawaii.org for a complete listing of poster contest winners.

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In the coming weeks, the State Legislature will be finalizing the budget for public libraries and other state departments. A 15 or 20 percent budget cut will be devastating, and result in the closure of libraries and staff layoffs. We urge all library supporters to contact or continue contacting your legislators and let them know how much your public library means to you and your community. Mahalo for continuing to support Hawaii’s public libraries!

Career Focus:
Drama professor at Windward Community College and co-founder of Monkey Waterfall (theatre and dance company), will share stories from around the world about inspiration and creativity told in story-theatre style, using stilts, masks, movement and other surprises. Recommended for grades 2 and older.

In addition, other public libraries will host programs featuring noted local storytellers, performing artists, author talks and informational speakers. The Friends of the Library of Hawaii, local Friends affiliates, and the University of Hawaii-Manoa Outreach College, Statewide Cultural Extension Program, are sponsoring the National Library Week 2009 programs. Program schedules are subject to change. Visit the HSPLS website: www.

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Recommended Children’s Books

Jim Arnosky GOBBLE IT UP! A FUN SONG ABOUT EATING! (Gr. Pre-K) Learn what various animals enjoy eating in their habitats while singing a fun catchy rhyme as each animal “gobbles” its food. It comes with an audio CD of the author singing the tune and accompanying himself on guitar.

Menena Cottin and Rosana Faria (translated by Elissa Amado)
BLACK BOOK OF COLORS (Gr. Pre-2) Feel the raised embossed pictures, close your eyes, and imagine seeing colors as a blind person would. Braille accompanies text.

Amnesty International

We are all born free: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Pictures (Gr. K-3) Artists illustrate each of the 30 articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, written for a child’s understanding.

storyteller Don Martin

Worlds Connect, from front page

The Korean Library Foundation (KLF) collected more than 1,700 letters of support addressed to three State Legislators – Senators Brian Taniguchi (D-10th) and Carol Fukunaga (D-11th), and Representative Scott Saiki (D-22nd) – from concerned library patrons and members of the Kan community. Here, Sook Ki Moon (2nd from right), KLF co-founder, displays packages containing the letters with the assistance of from left, Susan Nakata, Head of Library Development Services Section; Ann Fujikoa, Head of Technical Services Support Section; and Limel Yamashita, Adult Librarian of McCully-Moiliili Public Library, prior to being delivered to the legislators.

Essay Contest Winners Selected

By Lynne Kohayakawa, Hawaii State Library-Language, Literature, History Section

A n awards ceremony to honor student winners of the statewide Hawaii Center for the Book Sixth Annual Letters about Literature Essay Contest will be conducted on Saturday, April 25 at the Hawaii State Library. The public is invited to meet the State winners and runners-up at the 11:30 a.m. ceremony. The winning essays have been selected by state judges for this annual contest, sponsored by the Hawaii Center for the Book, the Library, Congress of Congress and Target. Young readers write a personal letter to an author explaining how his or her book affected the student’s perception of life. Entrants compete in three levels: Level I, grades 4-6; Level II, grades 7-8; and Level III, grades 9-12.

This year’s first place winners are Amber Dombronski, a 6th grader from Kihei (Maui), who wrote to Frances Hodgson Burnett (The Secret Garden); Andrew Chang, a Honolulu 7th grader, who wrote to Madeleine L’Engle (A Wrinkle in Time), and Lian Bossert, a 9th grader at Iolani School, who wrote to John Hersey (Hiroshima).

Honorable mentions are Kanani Ah Van, a 4th grader at Kaunakakai School (Molokai), Meghan Costello, an 8th grader at Holy Family Catholic Academy in Honolulu, and Keala Pacheco, an 11th grader at Kamehameha Schools’ Kapalama Campus.

Hawaii finalists each receive a $100 cash prize, plus a $50 Target GiftCard. Winners, honorable mentions and semifinalists will be honored at the awards ceremony. The winning essays for each level have been entered in the national competition.

Last year, Sarah Jenkins, Hawaii’s first-place Level I winner, received an Honorable Mention in the national competition, and was awarded a $1,000 Letter Grant for her letter for her library at Akula School in Kaunakakai (Molokai). Jenkins’ winning entry was a letter to author Mildred D. Taylor about the book Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry.

National Library Week Favorite DVDs

By Jeffrey Eldredge & Misti LePage, Kaneohe Public Library

DESK SET (1957; Rated: G) In this classic Hepburn-Tracy romance, the head of a research department must deal with an efficiency expert who hires in a computer to replace the staff. This is the quintessential library movie.

THE MUMMY (1939; Rated: PG-13) Brendan Fraser plays opposite Rachel Weisz, a young librarian in Cairo in the 1920s. They become involved in a dangerous, action-packed adventure. While sitting around a campfire in the midst of ancient ruins, they forcefully, if drunkenly, proclaim that she is proud to be a librarian.

THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW (2004; Rated: PG-13) When global warming triggers the onset of a new ice Age, a tidal wave engulfs New York City and the entire Northern Hemisphere begins to freeze solid. A bunch of teenagers take refuge in the New York Public Library where they burn books to keep warm.

THE LIBRARIAN: QUEST FOR THE SPEAR (2004, re-run for TV; Not rated) Noah Wyle stars as a geeky librarian who is hired by the prestigious Metropolitan Library, keeper of top-secret treasures such as Pandora’s Box. When the Serpent Brotherhood steals a part of the magical Spear of Destiny from the library, only this librarian, aided by a gorgeous bodyguard, has the know-how to thwart their plan.

SAVE THE DATE! Ground breaking of the North Kohala Public Library Friday, April 24, 2009, 12:30 p.m. Kapaau, Hawaii

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