Hilo Public Library Closings for Repairs

Hilo Public Library, the largest library on the Big Island, is scheduled to be closed for renovations and accessibility improvements beginning Sunday, Jan. 4. While the library is closed, the book drops will remain open on most days except when renovation work is being done in that area. Please refer to signs that will be posted. Returned items will be checked in daily.

Renovations will include roof-repair, window replacement in the front of the library, and handicapped accessibility upgrades and other repairs will be made.

Patrons are encouraged to visit neighboring libraries during their public service hours:

For your convenience, requested library materials that were designated for pick up at Hilo Public Library will be sent to Keau Public & School Library.

To accommodate our patrons while Hilo is closed,Keau Public & School Library, located on the campus of Keauu Middle School, will be open to the public on Saturdays (except Feb. 14) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Patrons are requested to hold their donations until the library reopens. An announcement will be made when the library is scheduled to reopen.

Governor’s Economic Stimulus Plan Includes HSPLS Libraries

Thirty-six public libraries have been included in Governor Linda Lingle’s economic stimulus plan to expedite $1.86 billion in capital improvement projects. Over the next two years, the selected libraries will receive necessary upgrades including Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility renovations, retrofitting for energy efficient lighting, re-roofing, repairs for damage resulting from the October 2006 earthquake, and other health and safety improvements.

Announcements of libraries closing for renovations will appear in Holo I Mua, our library website: www.librarieshawaii.org and the news media.

Mark Your Calendars

Jan. 1 – New Year’s Day 2009 Holiday; all libraries closed.

Jan. 14 – Friends of the Library of Hawaii Legislative Breakfast, 8 a.m., Hawaii State Library. By invitation only; RSVP requested. An opportunity for the friends, other library supporters, and staff to meet legislators and discuss the valuable contributions HSPLS libraries make to our community. The Friends will also present the Mahalo Award to the legislator who has demonstrated exceptional support for libraries. For more information or to RSVP: call 506-4174 or email: mae@friendsofthelibraryhi.org.

Jan. 19 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday; all libraries closed. For public service hours, visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call your local library.

Community Donations

Benefit Libraries

Many generous community members have made donations to their favorite library or Friends organization during the past year’s Holiday Season. The Hawaii State Public Library System received 51 copies of “The Hawai‘i Snowman,” illustrated by Belt Collins’ award-winning artist Michel Lé, and written by his wife Christine. This charming picture
Hawaii Self Storage donated $700 to Kapolei Public Library at a ceremony held Dec. 22, 2008 at the company’s Kapolei facility. This donation will be used to purchase new library materials and to fund library programs for all ages. In addition to Kapolei Public Library, two other Kapolei non-profits received monetary donations from Hawaii Self Storage, which raised $2,620 last October during their Family Fun Festival.

If you, your company, organization, or service group, would like to make a donation or provide a special service to your local library, please see the library manager for ideas and assistance. Another important way to show your love and support for your library is to write a letter or send an email to your legislators as the legislative session begins on January 21, 2009. For contact information, visit: State Representatives: http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/site1/house/members/member.asp
State Senators: http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/site1/senate/members/member.asp

Mahalo for your continuing support!

By Sally Wakimoto, Librarian, Hawaii State Library-Art, Music, Recreation Section

MARDI GRAS—MADE IN CHINA
A documentary that traces the path of Mardi Gras beads from the streets of New Orleans during Carnival, where revelers party and exchange beads, to the disciplined factories in Fuzhou, China, where teenage girls live and sew beads together all day and night. Winner of 20 National and International Awards, this film is in Mandarin with English subtitles.

Elena, the popular beauty, is infatuated with the mysterious Stefan. However the mystery of Stefan goes deeper than Elena ever imagined.

Lizbeth Zindel
THE SECRET RITES OF SOLAR BUTTERFLIES
(Gr. 9-12)
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