Freedom to Read Group will Celebrate 40th Anniversary

T he Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) will celebrate its 40th Anniversary on July 12, 2009. FTRF, which works in close union with the American Library Association (ALA), was incorporated in December 1969 by a group of librarians, lawyers, and other individuals committed to protecting and preserving First Amendment freedoms in our libraries and schools. The Foundation is located in Chicago, and actively strives to achieve four goals: 1) Promoting and protecting the freedom of speech and of the press; 2) Protecting the public’s right of access to information and materials stored in the nation’s libraries; 3) Safeguarding libraries’ right to disseminate all materials contained in their collections; and 4) Supporting libraries and librarians in their defense of First Amendment rights by supplying them with legal counsel and the means to secure it. The Hawaii State Public Library System would like to congratulate and offer our best wishes to the Freedom to Read Foundation for a Happy 40th Anniversary!

HSPLS Receives $750 Donation for Summer Reading Program

F irst Insurance Company of Hawaii, one of the generous sponsors of the 2009 HSPLS Children’s Summer Reading Program, donated $750 at a special Storytime conducted recently at the Hawaii State Library. Derek Kanahele (left), First Insurance Company of Hawaii’s Human Resources Manager, holds 2-year-old Kahaen Moriwaki who hands a check to Children’s Librarian Vicky Dworkin (far right) of the library’s Edna Alley Room, as Cookie Mouse (costumed character from Barnes & Noble) and guest reader Foaga Mao-Kuresa, First Insurance Company Senior Adjuster for Auto Liability Claims, look on.

Mao-Kuresa read “If You Give a Mouse a Cookie” (by Laura Joffe Numeroff and Felicia Bond) to a large gathering of about 50 children and adults.

Libraries Closed for Renovation

T he following Big Island libraries are currently closed for health, safety, and accessibility improvements:

Keaau Public & School Library closed on June 17 and is scheduled for a 2-month closure. Pahala Public & School Library closed on June 10 and is scheduled for a 2-month closure. Pahoa Public & School Library closed on May 30 and is scheduled for a 2½-month closure.

Announcements will be made when the libraries are scheduled to reopen. You can also visit www.libraryhawaii.org for reopening dates.

HSPLS Overdrive Website Receives New Features

O verDrive, the worldwide leader in downloadable media for libraries, is providing two new features and other behind-the-scenes changes to the HSPLS OverDrive website, at no cost to HSPLS:

• User Defined Lending periods can be set by format type in “My Digital Account.” This feature will allow patrons to establish and change their personal default loan period by format type which lets them return eBooks and Digital Audio Books in less than 21 days if they wish. The default loan period is 21 days for all formats.

• Star Rating System will allow patrons to rate titles in OverDrive at the “My Ratings” page. These ratings will be averaged with other patron ratings and will appear when the title is searched. The Star Rating feature will display on the “Content Details” and the “My Bookshelf” pages.

“We are excited and pleased to be able to offer our patrons these new features, and we anticipate that many will appreciate and take advantage of them,” said State Librarian Richard Burns.

In addition, HSPLS has begun purchasing materials in EPUB, a new format which is emerging as the industry-standard for eBooks. Books in this format will be available on the website.

Manoa Library to Close July 2 - “Green” Library to Rise on Site

M anoa Public Library will close its doors for the last time on July 2, 2009. The 43-year-old building, located at 2710 Woodlawn Drive, will be demolished and a new “green” Manoa Public Library will be built on the site. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2009 and take approximately two years to complete.

The new 13,000-square-foot Library will double the area used for library materials, provide twice the number of parking stalls, include a children’s room and a meeting room, plus a larger staff work area.

Governor Linda Lingle released approximately $10.3 million for the design and construction of this new Library in 2006 and 2007. The State will seek Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification from the U. S. Green Building Council for this library. A LEED facility involves building with recycled products and materials, and environmentally sustainable design features such as reduced water use, renewable energy and natural lighting.

Thanks to the efforts of Senator Brian Taniguchi (D-10th) and former Representative Kirk Caldwell (D-24th), the Manoa community will have an interim public library. Two portable rooms at Noelaani Elementary School will first be used as an interim Manoa Public Library, and then as additional classrooms for the School after the new library opens.

In July, staff will be emptying the old library and preparing the interim facility for opening. The book drop at the “old” library will remain accessible until the interim library opens.

Reserved library materials will not be available for pick up until the interim facility opens; materials will be sent to McCully-Moiliili Public Library (2211 South King St.) for pick up unless other arrangements are made.

The interim Manoa Public Library is scheduled to open on Monday, August 3, 2009 with this public service schedule: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 4 p.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, Closed. Patrons who need information can call the library at 988-0459.

Manoa Public Library’s address, telephone and fax numbers will remain the same at the interim facility.

Mark Your Calendars

July 3-5 – Independence Day Holiday: most libraries will be closed. Visit www.libraryhawaii.org for public service hours or call your local library.
NEW DVDS

@ YOUR LIBRARY
By Sally Welsbom, Librarian
Hawaii State Library-Art, Music, Recreation Section

THE CATS OF MIRIKITANI
Tsunomo “Jimmy” Mirikitani, an 80-year-old artist who created art to survive World War II internment camps, Hiroshima, and homelessness in New York, is featured in this documentary. A local New York filmmaker befriends “Jimmy,” offering assistance and a place to stay which he politely declines. However, after 9/11 threatens his life on New York City streets, he finally accepts her offer, and together they confront his painful past.

DOUT
A charismatic priest (Philip Seymour Hoffman) is trying to overturn a Bronx Catholic High School’s strict customs, which have long been fiercely guarded by the iron-gloved principal (Meryl Streep). The principal launches a crusade against the priest after learning about his special interest in a new documentary. A local New York filmmaker befriends “Jimmy,” offering assistance and a place to stay which he politely declines. However, after 9/11 threatens his life on New York City streets, he finally accepts her offer, and together they confront his painful past.

FROST/NIXON
Frank Langella and Michael Sheen star in this story based on the 1977 television interviews between former President Richard Nixon, and jet-setting television personality David Frost. Nixon agrees to the interviews in hopes of saving his tarnished legacy. But Frost has selfish goals, and becomes one of Nixon’s most formidable adversaries.

HEAVY METAL IN BAGHDAD
Acquirasciuda (Black Scorpion), an Iraqi heavy metal band, is the focus of this documentary feature film. The film demonstrates how difficult, if not impossible, it is for a band to play heavy metal music in a Muslim country, from the fall of Saddam Hussein to the present day.

THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX
Despereaux, a mouse with comically-over-sized ears, dreams of becoming a knight and is banished from his home for having such lofty ambitions in this animated adaptation of author Kate DiCamillo’s Newbery Medal-winning children’s book. He then embarks on an amazing adventure with Roscuro, his good-hearted rat friend.

FSPLS Partners with Kamehameha Publishing
Kamehameha Publishing, a division of Kamehameha Schools, will begin a generous program to donate a copy of their new publications to each Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) library. HSPLS will receive the donated book copies, then catalog, process and distribute them to our branches throughout the system. A specially-designed book plate that acknowledges Kamehameha Publishing will be placed in each book.

“New this partnership will allow us to provide all of our patrons with high quality, current materials in the critical Hawaii and Pacific subject area,” said State Librarian Richard Burns. “We are extremely grateful for the efforts of Board of Education Member Carol Mon Lee who initiated this collaboration, and to Ann Botticelli, Kamehameha Schools Vice President for Community Relations and Communications.”

NewTeenTitles
By Linda Medhat, Young Adult Librarian, McCully-Moiliili Public Library

Amanda Ashby
ZOMBIE QUEEN OF NEWBURY HIGH
(Gr. 8-12) Mia performs a love spell on her boyfriend to prevent him from going to the prom with another girl. Unfortunately, she casts the wrong spell and inflicts the entire senior class with a virus that turns everyone into zombies.

Henry H. Neff
THE HOUND OF ROWAN
(Gr. 6-12) Max McDaniels discovers that he has magical abilities after receiving an invitation to attend an elite boarding school. Max is just learning to develop his supernatural abilities when he finds himself in the crossfire of an ancient struggle between good and evil.

James Patterson
MAX
(Gr. 6-12) Millions of fish are dying off the coast of Hawaii and someone – or something – is destroying hundreds of ships. The government enlists help from a group of genetically-enhanced kids who can fly and have other unique talents, in an effort to discover the cause.

Mary E. Pearson
THE ADORATION OF ENNA FOX
(Gr. 8-12) Biotechnological advances have made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal in the near future. A 17-year-old girl who is recovering from a serious accident and suffering from memory lapses, learns a startling secret about her existence.

Janette Rallison
MY FAIR GODMOTHER
(Gr. 6-12) Savannah is devastated when her boyfriend dumps her for her studious older sister. She wishes that she could find a true prince to take her to the prom. Her wishes are granted by her “fair” godmother whose incompetence first sends Savannah to the Middle Ages as Cinderella, and then as Snow White.

Rachel Vail
LUCKY
(Gr. 8-12) Phoebe and her friends are planning the ultimate high school graduation party. Then her mother loses her job, and Phoebe’s lifestyle starts to change. Now her parents can’t afford the expensive graduation party or the green Vera Wang dress that Phoebe had dreamed of wearing that day.

Library System Will Consolidate its Patron Database

The Hawaii State Public Library System’s patron database will undergo a “purge” of records this fall to remove inactive accounts. Removing these inactive accounts will provide an updated, more accurate database for our business and management uses. Inactive accounts are accounted with expired library cards (five years) and:
• No borrowed library material in the past three years or more; and/or
• No outstanding items, charges or fees; and/or
• Whose card holders are former residents who have relocated from Hawaii.

The record of a patron who has not borrowed library material in the past three years or more may be purged. Patrons who visit their local library, present their library card, and discover that their record has been purged can reactivate their card, free-of-charge, by completing a new library card application form and presenting valid identification.

The database clean-up procedure will not affect currently active library patrons. Internet computer users who do not borrow materials and only use their library card to access the library system’s Internet stations or subscription databases from home or office, may notice that their accounts have been purged. These patrons can reactivate their accounts, free-of-charge, by completing a new application form and providing valid identification at any HSPLS library.

Library TOONS!
By Wayne Kamehlo, LHPL

Sign up for Summer Reading Programs

The 2009 HSPLS Summer Reading Programs for children, teens, and adults are currently underway in public libraries statewide, and will continue through July 18. This year’s program themes are: “Be Creative @ your library,” “Reading Rocks,” and “Get Creative @ your library,” respectively. Read at least one book per week and earn a free reading incentive provided by our generous sponsors, while supplies last. In addition, special events featuring 18-year-old shock key guitar artist Danny Carvalho, nationally-renowned storytellers Jim May, Diane Ferlatte and Bobby and Sherry Norfolk, plus other performers, will be offered during these popular programs.

For more information about these free programs and special events, visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call your local public library.