he Hawaii State Public Library System will participate in the Fourth Annual Hawai‘i Book & Music Festival, May 16-17 which will be held from civic grounds of Honolulu Hale. Library workers will staff the many free programs and public libraries. Sponsor, professional staff, present this year’s along with nearly 20 major and Sunset Concert will highlight p.m.: May 16 – Target pres- and May 17 – Outrigger with Cyril Pahinui and Competition. There will and over 300 presenters. Story and Song.” Admits- free, needed to assist in a benefit for Hawai‘i to Me International. or to volunteer, hawaiibookand-contact Jacqui Pirl: Volunteers are this two-day event, Literacy and Read For more informa- please visit www. musicfestival.org, email - tropicalparadise@hawaii.rr.com, U.S. mail - P.O. Box 240993, Honolulu, HI 96824 or call 224-4008.

$1.2 Million Grant Awarded to HSPLS

A $1.2 million federal grant has been awarded to the Hawaii State Public Library System from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The IMLS distributes these funds annually through state library agencies across the nation, as part of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The states, in turn, contribute at least $1.00 for every $2.00 of federal support. HSPLS plans to use this grant for continuing access to online databases, other popular electronic resources such as eBooks and digital audio books, and to pay for network upgrades and additional network costs. Visit the HSPLS website: www.library.hawaii.org. Visit librarieshawaii.org for more information.

Mark Your Calendars

May 11 – Hanapepe Public Library (Kauai) and the book drop will close for a parking lot expansion and other site improvement projects; tentatively scheduled to reopen June 16. Visit www.libraryshawaii.org for more information.

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The Hawaii State Public Library System conducted a groundbreaking cer- mony for the new North Kohala Public Library (Big Island) on April 24. Invited guests gathered at the 3.8 acre parcel of land which was donated by Surety Kohala Corporation and is located on Akoni Pule Highway, near the community’s main grocery store and near Kohala Elementary and High School. The $7.8 million, 6,000 square foot Library was designed by CDS International, and will replace Bond Memorial Public Library, a 1,610 square foot Hawaiian-style building which has served the community of Kohala since January 1929. Construction of the North Kohala Public Library is expected to last about a year, and a grand opening is tentatively scheduled for 2010. “The North Kohala Public Library will mark the beginning of a new era for HSPLS as it will become our first Library to earn the coveted LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver Certification,” said State Librarian Richard Burns. “It will include creative and innovative design features such as environmentally friendly buildings, energy-efficient systems, water-saving measures, and sustainable materials.”

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Breaking ground for the new North Kohala Public Library, from left, Ernest Lau, Dept. of Accounting & General Services; Mike Maddux, President, Friends of Bond Memorial Library; Dickie Nelson, Field Representative, Congresswoman Mazie Hirono; Surety Kohala Corp.; Boyd Bond; Dawn Shibano, former Bond Memorial Public Library Manager; Palaha Public & School Library Manager; Glen Miura, CDS International; Jacob Zane, North Kohala Senior Citizens; Hadley Null, Isomoto Contracting Co.; State Librarian Richard Burns; Andy Smith, Office of the Governor-Kona/West Hawaii Liaison Officer; and Janet Lam, Bond Memorial Public Library Manager/North Kohala Public Library Manager.
Friends of the Library of Hawaii Booksales

The 62nd Annual Friends of the Library of Hawaii Booksales is coming June 20-28 to the McKinley High School Cafeteria (1039 S. King St.).

Choose from a variety of over 100,000 books at bargain prices including: cookbooks, Hawaiians (rare, out-of-print), romance novels (some brand new), foreign language: Korean, Japanese, French; novels (some brand new), foreign literature, manga, classic books. Browse “The Glass Case” section for rare, out-of-print books, and valuable first editions. In addition, CDs, DVDs, videos, records, books on tape, and more will be on sale.

Sale proceeds benefit the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS), and provide funds for our annual Summer Reading Programs, for branch libraries and staff to purchase library materials and equipment, to pay for performance programs, and to provide grants for continuing education opportunities.

A Members’ Preview Sale will be held on June 19 from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Booksale hours are: June 20, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; June 21, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; June 22-25, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; June 26, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; June 27, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; June 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

For more information, visit the Friends of the Library of Hawaii website at www.hawaii-library.org, call them at 536-4174, or contact your local public library.

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