December 4, 11:30 a.m. – December 16, 11:30 a.m. – December 9, 10 a.m. – December 7, 6 p.m. –

listings or call your local library for librarieshawaii.org for program-event scheduled to host Holiday Season.

Public & School Library is requested; sign up at the will be provided. Registration $98,608 in Tax Refund Donations

Hawaii’s public libraries received $98,608 in tax refund donations in 2010 as thousands of taxpayers demonstrated their support for the Hawaii State Public Library System by donating a portion of their 2009 tax refunds to the HSPLS Special Fund.

Thank you very much to all those who have contributed to Hawaii’s public libraries through this annual donation program, said State Librarian Richard Burns. “Your continued support will make it possible for HSPLS to buy books and other materials that will benefit library patrons of all ages.”

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Celebrate the Holiday Season @ your Library

The Holiday Season is here and it’s time to celebrate with us (at) your local library! Come and see what the library has to offer: children’s Holiday Season books; historical and informational books about Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa; Holiday Season cook books to bake cookies and other treats; craft books to make simple crafts and decorations; how-to-books on decorating your home for the holidays; and planning your holiday festivities; downloadable e-books, audiobooks, and e-music; CDs, DVDs, and much more. Many public libraries statewide will offer special holiday storytimes and programs for the whole family to enjoy. All library programs are free. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caretaker. Contact the hosting library as soon as possible if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed.

Among the storytimes and programs include:

December 4, 11:30 a.m. – Hawaii State Library (586-3477): “Ringing in the Holiday Season” concert presented by the Honolulu Handbell Ensemble in the Main Lobby. The ensemble, comprised of handbell choir directors and other musicians from Oahu churches, will perform music of the Holiday Season using English handbells and chimes. Volunteers from the audience who sing a Christmas song or ring a hand chime or handbell will receive a free Christmas music CD.

December 7, 6 p.m. – Kahuku Public & School Library (293-8935). “Sixth Annual Holiday Music Festival” will feature “Vocal Motion,” the award-winning show choir of Kahuku High School; a Brigham Young University-Hawaii Ensemble, and Hui Na Leo Nani. There will be door prizes and refreshments will be served.

December 9, 10 a.m. – Pearl City Public Library (453-6565): “A Visit with Santa Claus.” Kekī who tells Santa his Christmas wishes will receive a goody bag. Parents are encouraged to bring a camera for a photo op with Santa. Registration is requested; please contact the Library.

December 11, 10:30 a.m. – Hawaii Kai Public Library (397-6832): “The Great Davido’s Christmas Magic Show.” “The Great Davido,” a.k.a. magician-dentist Dr. David Brown, will perform classic magic that includes animations, transformations, and comedy. A goody bag will be presented to the first 50 children who attend the program. There will be a Christmas craft activity for the whole family to enjoy.

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Book Publishers Support Libraries

By Paul H. Mark

Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) has a Secret Santa! Throughout the past year, an anonymous donor has sent boxes of new DVDs via Priority Mail with no return address to more than 15 selected public libraries! The gift DVDs began arriving in November 2009. Hawaii Kai Public Library, Kalii-Palama Public Library, Waimanalo Public & School Library, and Waimea Public Library (Kaua‘i) received boxes of DVDs. In December 2009, Kaimuki Public Library and Mountain View Public & School Library also received donated DVDs.

Other libraries that have received a shipment of DVDs from our “Secret Santa” include: Bond Memorial Public Library, Hawaii State Library, McCully-Moiliili Public Library, Hana Public & School Library, Kaua‘i Public Library, Kekaha Public Library, and Laupahoehoe Public & School Library.

Naalehu Public Library and Waimea Public Library (Kaua‘i) have been fortunate to have received multiple shipments of DVDs. Titles include: “Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban,” “New Moon,” “Field of Dreams,” “Tootsie,” “Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire,” “A Man for All Seasons,” and “Schindler’s List.”

Mahalo nui loa to Bennet Hymer, Mutual Publishing, and all the Hawaii book publishers who have made donations to support Hawaii’s public libraries in 2010! Interested authors or book publishers who would like to make a donation that will benefit readers statewide should call the Office of the State Librarian at 586-3704.

Recommended Children’s Books

By Christian Lyons, Children’s Librarian, Hawaii Kai Public Library

Carolyne Otto

CELEBRATE KWANZAA
(Kinderergarten-Gr. 5)

Find out how people in the U.S. and Canada celebrate Kwanzaa through real-life photos, recipes, crafts, and other things. The book includes a glossary of Swahili words and bibliography.

Larae Melmed

EIGHT WINTER NIGHTS: A FAMILY HANUKKAH BOOK
(Preschool-Gr. 1)

Learn how a family prepares and celebrates Hannukah, the Festival of Lights, in nursery-rhyme style. A background of the holiday and its traditions is included.

Bob Scotton

MERRY CHRISTMAS, Splat
(Preschool-Gr. 2)

Splat the Cat wonders if he has been good enough this year to receive a present from Santa. Just to make sure, he tries to be “extra good” on Christmas Eve.

Kevin Alan Milne

THE PAPER BAG CHRISTMAS
(Gr. 3-6)

When brothers Aaron and Morgan go to the mall to give Santa their wish lists, he gives them two special assignments instead. Find out how they discover the true meaning of Christmas at the children’s ward of a hospital.

Philip Yates

A PIRATE’S NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS
(Preschool-Gr. 3)

Shiver me timbers... it’s the pirate’s version of ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas! Come aboard the Black Sark and learn what pirates do as they wait Sir Peggeddy’s Christmas Eve visit.

New eBook Service for Blind Patrons

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) announces the addition of the Library eBook Accessibility Program (LEAP) to the programs and services that are offered to our print disabled patrons. This collaboration between HSPLS, OverDrive and Bookshare, permits Bookshare members to access more than 90,000 digital books, textbooks, magazines and newspapers at no cost to either the patron or HSPLS.

A twelve month membership in Bookshare is free for patrons who have a valid HSPLS library card, proof of disability, an email address and Internet access. Once a member is verified and approved, under the terms of this agreement, they are entitled to download up to 20 ebooks per month for a full year at no charge. The Bookshare collection is separate from the HSPLS Overdrive main collection of downloadable books, and may be accessed through a link from our home page.

“LEAP and Bookshare membership is a wonderful addition to HSPLS’ existing materials and collections, as it dramatically increases the accessible book choices for our patrons who are print disabled,” said State Librarian Richard Burns. “We encourage qualifying patrons to register and begin taking advantage of this new service.”

Bookshare ebooks are available in DAISY and Braille formats, making it possible for these books to be read in Braille, voice or large type, using computers, assistive devices, Braille printers and mp3 players. Free reading software, including Read: Outloud and Victor Reader, can be downloaded and installed in personal computers to facilitate reading. Mac users also have access to these materials. A list of reading tools that can be used with Bookshare is available at the Bookshare website (www.bookshare.org).

In addition to its collection of popular materials, Bookshare was previously awarded a $32 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education, which allowed them to offer free books to students. In 2009 Bookshare partnered with publishers of post secondary and K-12 books to provide digital textbooks for students of all ages.

To register with Bookshare, patrons can go to www.librarieshawaii.org, link to “ebooks, audiobooks and music”, link to “accessible ebooks for the print impaired”, and link to the LEAP website.