Featured Artists & Performers
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“Blue Water, Blue Waves,” a collection of island stories and songs, at five selected libraries on the island of Hawaii, Kauai and Oahu. Fuji-J-Babb has been a professional storyteller, artistic director, puppeteer and actress for more than 20 years. Recommended for ages 6 and older.

• Storyteller-Balladeer James McCarthy, a multi-talented actor, musician and educator, will present “All Together Now” which features his “say what I say, do what I do” stories and songs at seven selected libraries on the island of Hawaii, Maui and Oahu. Recommended for ages 3 and older.

There will be other special performers and presenters such as Robert Faust (Faustwork Mask Theatre’s “The Mask Messenger”) and cartoonist Dave Thorne (“The Art of Cartooning”).

All performance programs are funded by a grant from the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, Marriott Resorts Hawaii, Ko Olina Resort and Marina, HMSCHost, Meadow Gold Dairies, Hansen Foodservice, The Harry and Jeanette Weingberg Foundation, Hawaiian Telcom, the UH-Manoa Outreach College, Statewide Cultural Extension Program, and are funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. Contact the hosting library prior to the performance date if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed. On Oahu, two weeks in advance; on Neighbor Islands, three weeks in advance.

In addition, public libraries statewide are hosting a variety of programs and projects. Visit www.libraryhawaii.org for a complete list of programs and performers, or call your local library to find out their programs.

Featured Artists & Performers at Libraries

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Hawaii State Public Library System
June 2010

HSPLS will Offer 3 Summer Reading Programs

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udies show that children and teens who read books for pleasure during the summer months will keep their brains active, relaxed and ready for the next school year. Adults who read books over the summer can improve and recharge their brain power, as well.

With this in mind, Hawaii’s public libraries invite students and adults to participate in one of the 2010 Hawaii State Public Library System Summer Reading Programs! Libraries statewide will offer Children’s, Teen, and Adult reading programs from June 1 to July 2. Contact your local library for starting dates and guidelines.


Special performances featuring artists from the Statewide Cultural Extension Program will be sponsored by the University of Hawaii at Manoa’s Outreach College, Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Highlights of the 2010 statewide reading campaigns include:

CHILDREN (infants to students entering grade 6 this fall): “Make a Splash in your library!” theme will feature books and stories designed to encourage young readers to learn about the ocean, aquatic animals, fish, how to protect the coastline, as well as related subjects such as beach activities and water sports. Visit the library once a week, read at least one book per week, and receive a free reading incentive, while supplies last. Sponsors for reading incentives include: McDonald’s Restaurants of Hawaii, First Insurance Company of Hawaii, Diamond Bakery, The Islander Group, Mutual Publishing, and the Friends of the Library of Hawaii. In addition, five lucky drawing winners (one each from East Oahu, West Oahu, Hawaii Island, Maui County and Kauai) will win a $50 bookstore gift card, courtesy of the Friends of the Library of Hawaii. The five-week program will also feature excellent, family-friendly storytelling performances and other special performers (see related front page story).

ADULT (patrons 18 and older): “Exercise Your Mind at your library!” theme features books about sports, fitness, martial arts, biographies of athletes, yoga, meditation, relaxation and stress management techniques, and mind exercises such as puzzles, sudoku, model-building, studying foreign languages and learning musical instruments. The Friends of the Library of Hawaii, McDonald’s Restaurants of Hawaii, The Islander Group and Bess Press are sponsoring this program and will provide free reading incentives to adult participants who read at least one book per week. Contact your local library for program details.

Recommended Children’s Books

By Mysti LePage, Children’s Librarian, Kailua Public Library

Dorina K. Lazo Gilmore

CORIA COOKS PANCIT (Preschool - Gr. 2)

When all her older siblings are away, Cora’s mama finally lets her be Assistant Chef. Together they make pancit, a Filipino noodle dish.

Linda Gerdner

GRANDFATHER’S STORY CLOTH (Gr. 2-4)

Ten-year-old Chersheng helps his grandfather cope with a failing memory due to Alzheimer’s disease by using a traditional Hmong story quilt that grandfather had made after fleeing Vietnam. The farmer’s saga, which opens in theaters this June, “Eclipse” (third book in the Twilight series), but of the movie adaptation of Meyer’s bestseller,“The Twilight Saga” vampire novels by Stephenie Meyer and the debut of the movie adaptation of Meyer’s “Eclipse” (third book in the Twilight saga) which opens in theaters this June. Visit your local library weekly, read at least one book per week, and receive complimentary reading incentives from the sponsors, while supplies last. Teens can enter in-branch prize drawings for a chance to win an Apple iPod Shuffle, courtesy of the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, other regional electronic prizes and personal pan pizza certificates, provided by Hawaii Pizza Hut. This program is sponsored by Hawaii Pizza Hut, Frito-Lay of Hawaii, Bess Press, and the Friends of the Library of Hawaii. In addition to the reading program, selected libraries will host performances by featured artists and performers (see related front page story).

For further information about the three programs, please visit www.library.hawaii.org or call your local library.

Exercise Your Mind at your library!

The most popular Bestsellers, DVDs and CDs borrowed from Hawaii’s public libraries in May 2010:

Bestseller

1. The Winning Gym: A Spenser novel by Robert B. Parker
2. Showdown at Yellow Butte by Louis L’Amour
3. The Leopard Hunts in Darkness by Wilbur A. Smith
4. Please Pass the Guilt: A Nero Wolfe novel by Rex Stout
5. The Early Spenser: Three Complete Novels by Robert B. Parker
6. Black Market by James Patterson
7. The Clan of the Cave Bear: a novel by Jean M. Auel
8. Trunk Music by Michael Connelly
9. Two by Francis by Dick Francis
10. Sphere: a novel by Michael Crichton

DVD

1. Picture Bride
2. Chocolat
3. Small Time Crooks
4. Bourne Supremacy
5. English Patient
6. Gladiator
7. The Red Violin
8. Mission Impossible 2
9. National Treasure

CD

1. Let it Be – The Beatles
2. The Best of Gabby Pahinui: Volume I – Gabby Pahinui
3. From the Cradle – Eric Clapton
4. Simon and Garfunkel’s Greatest Hits – Simon and Garfunkel
5. Doo Bop – Miles Davis
6. Duets with Kim Curnes, Sheena Easton & Dottie West – Kenny Rogers
8. Big Hits (High Tide and Green Grass) – The Rolling Stones
9. – The Beatles
10. Best of Al Jarreau – Al Jarreau

First Insurance Company of Hawaii, one of the generous sponsors of the 2010 HSPLS Children’s Summer Reading Program, donated $750 for a special Friday Storytime conducted last month at the Hawaii State Library. Lani Oyama (left), First Insurance Company of Hawaii’s Human Resources Assistant, presented a check to Maile Davis, Section Head of the Library’s Edna Allyn Room for Children, as Biscuit the Dog (costumed character from Barnes & Noble) and guest reader Geri Oshita, First Insurance Company of Hawaii’s Marketing Specialist, join in the celebration. Prior to the presentation, Oshita read “Bathtime for Biscuit” and “Biscuit’s Big Friend” by Alyssa Capucilli to an audience of more than 25 children and teachers from Kawahao Church Preschool.

Cornelia Funke, a multiple award-winning German author of children’s fiction including 2009 Nene Award winner “Inkheart,” was a special guest at the 45th Annual Nene Award Presentation Ceremony held recently at Kamehameha Schools’ Princess Ruth Keelikolani Auditorium. Funke announced “Found” by Margaret Peterson Haddix as the 2010 Nene Award winner. The Nene Award is presented to the favorite fiction book based on a vote by Hawaii’s children in grades 4-6. Winners and honorable mention awards in student contests celebrating “Inkheart” in persuasive and interpretive essays, and the ceremony emcees are (l-to-r) Row 1: Bryan Kau, Isaac Taguchi, Christine Lee, Cambrie Motooka (emcee), Ariane Kits, Kisha Chun, Row 2: Emily Tashiro, Eileen Roco, Maile Griffin, Wendy Mun, Nathaniel Colman, Alison Wu (emcee), Cristen Kramer (emcee). In Row 3, the author Cornelia Funke, State Librarian Richard Burns, Virginia Koo, 2009-2010 Nene Award Committee co-chairperson; and Nalani Nauali, Nene Award Committee member.