Budget Reductions

To make a donation, please visit the HSPLS website: www.librarieshawaii.org, the FLH website: www.libraryhawaii.org, or contact your local library. Mahalo for your continuing support of our public libraries!

Library Rule Changes

the Board of Education, please visit:
http://info.boe.k12.hi.us/Info_Site/Public_Hearing.html.

Individuals who are not able to testify at the hearing are encouraged to submit their written testimony by mail: Office of the Board of Education, P.O. Box 2360, Honolulu, HI 96804; by fax (808) 586-3433; or online at http://www.boe.k12.hi.us/. The deadline to submit testimony through the internet is 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Contact the BOE Office at 586-3349 or via voice/text telephone at least 10 business days prior to the hearing if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed.

The Board will convene a special meeting in April to discuss and vote on the proposed HSPLS Administrative Rule changes. The date and time will be announced later.

Kapolei Public Library has received a donation of $800 from Island Pacific Academy (IPA). The school conducted a one day read-a-thon fundraiser in which middle school students took pledges from family and friends for the number of pages they could read. From left are Stacie Kanno, Branch Manager of Kapolei Public Library; Marya Zoller, Acting Director, HSPLS Public Library Branch; and Phyllis Silva, IPA Middle School Principal.

This Tax Season, Support Your Public Libraries

Please contribute to the “Hawaii Public Libraries Fund.”

Your tax donation will benefit Hawaii’s communities statewide through the purchase of library materials for all ages.

When filing your 2009 State income tax return (Form N-1, N-3, or N-5) you may contribute $2 for an individual or $4 for a joint return.

Mark Your Calendars

Mar. 5, 12, 19 – Library Furlough Days: all public libraries and administrative offices will be closed. Six libraries normally closed on Fridays—Aiea, Hawaii Kai, Kaimuki, Liliha, Manoa, Makawao (Maui)—will also be closed on Mar. 11, and 18.

March 26 – Holy Day Obligation: all libraries closed. For public service hours, visit www.libraryhawaii.org or call your local library.

April 11-17 – National Library Week 2010: Theme: “Communities Thrive @ your Library.” Visit www.libraryweek.hawaii for a listing of special programs which will also be featured in next month’s Holo I Mua.

Holo I Mua

March 2010

Hawaii State Public Library System

HSPLS May Face More Budget Reductions

The State Librarian’s proposal to meet a 5% reduction would be to continue the current freeze on vacant positions and negotiate up to the maximum of 24 furlough days for HSPLS employees beginning in fiscal year 2011 from July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011. How can the public help HSPLS? Hawaii taxpayers may make donations by designating $2.00 from an individual income tax return or $4.00 from a joint return for the Hawaii Public Libraries Fund. Make a tax-deductible donation to the ongoing Hawaii State Public Library System’s “Keep Your Library Open!” or the Friends of the Library of Hawaii’s (FLH) “Keep the Doors Open!” statewide fund-raising campaigns. Currently, these campaigns have combined to collect more than $287,000 in monetary donations since they began in September 2009.

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Hearing for Library Rule Changes on March 18

The Board of Education (BOE) will conduct a public hearing for proposed Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) Administrative Rule changes on Thursday, March 18 at 9 a.m. The hearing will be held at the Queen Liliuokalani Building, Room 404 (1390 Miller Street, Honolulu).

All interested persons will have the opportunity to submit data, views or arguments, orally or in writing, on the proposals to the administrative rules at the time of the public hearing. Persons who wish to submit written testimony are requested to submit at least one copy of their written testimony at the time of their presentation. For guidelines on presenting public testimony to the Board of Education, please visit:
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The Friends of Pearl City Library donated $1,000 to Pearl City Public Library for the purchase of new DVD foreign films. The generous donation is in honor of Floriana Coffman (center), recently retired library branch manager. Since Coffman enjoys watching foreign movies, the Friends felt this was an appropriate way to recognize her 31 years of service to the Hawaii State Public Library System. Friends of Pearl City Library Board Members (l-r) Imgard Packard and Lisa Komatsui-Liu present Coffman with a card notifying her of the donation in her name.

The Naha and Pinao stones, located in front of Hilo Public Library on the island of Hawaii, now have an interpretive sign to celebrate the rich cultural history of Downtown Hilo. Hilo Downtown Improvement Association (HIDA) installed and unveiled the sign at a ceremony and hula performed by ku mu hula Paul Neves (left) and his halau (back row). Next to Neves are Dolly Strazar (Lyman Museum), Jeff Melrose (HIDA), and Claudine Fujii (recently retired Hilo Public Library branch manager).

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New Teen Titles

Justine Larbalestier Liar (Gr. 9-12) Micah promises to tell the truth after her boyfriend Luke is found dead, but can a suspected killer and admitted compulsive liar like him be trusted?

Libba Bray GOING BOVINE (Gr. 9-12) Eighteen-year-old diagnosed with mad cow disease, sets off on a road trip with his best friend Gabe. But can a suspected monster be trusted?

Sarah Beth Durst Ice (Gr. 7-12) On her eighteenth birthday, Cassie discovers she can save her long-lost mother by becoming the bride of the polar bear king and joining him in his mysterious fairy tale world.

Teen Vogue THE TEEN VOGUE HANDBOOK: AN INSIDER’S GUIDE TO CAREERS IN FASHION (Gr. 7-12) Aspiring designers, stylists, editors, photographers, and fashionistas will want to read this book which is filled with advice from industry stars such as Stella McCartney and Marc Jacobs.

Reverend Kaiulani Kahalekai of the Church of Universal Light will offer a blessing for the new 1,740 square foot building which is located next to the Library.

Teen Vogue going bovine A desperate, unem-ployed writer lives in a world where every-one unfaithfully tells the truth. Then one day he becomes desperate and concocts a lie. In a world where a lie is believed with absolute gutibility, he discovers that he can get anything he wants.

Goong BOVINE (Gr. 7-12) Brooklyn Lisa Schroeder therapy and caring friends.

Benjamin Alire Saenz MONSTER (Gr. 9-12) In Eighteen-Teen’s “Last Night I Sang to the Last Night I Sang to the Monster” singer, dancer, filmmaker, and great civic leader Elliott Tiber read the news of a planned music and arts festival that had lost its permit. He calls the festival’s producer to offer his family’s motel to the promoters. They agree on the site, a farm meadow, which resulted in the most historic event in music and culture.

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The ceremony will also include a brief history of the project, entertainment by community groups, and refreshments will be served. The Library will open later on March 11, from 2 p.m.-8 p.m.

The new Auditorium is part of the $1.7 million, 2,210 square foot project that also includes a staff work room, handicapped-accessible rest room, and improvements to the parking lot such as re-landscaping and additional parking stalls. The project increases the size of the Library from 5,350 square feet to 7,090 square feet. Pacific Blue Construction was the contractor for the project which began in September 2008 and was completed in October 2009.

The air-conditioned building will have a seating capacity of 60, a covered lanai, and will be available for use by community groups when the Library is closed. The Auditorium will also provide additional space for library collections, storage and staff members.

“An auditorium was needed to accommodate the large number of programs and activities conducted at the Library,” said Karen Ikenoto, Hanapepe Public Library Branch Manager. “The Auditorium will serve as an excellent place for the public to conduct meetings and programs in an area that does not have adequate meeting room space.”

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Michael Jackson’s THIS IS IT Director Kenny Ortega presents a rare, behind-the-scenes look at Jackson as the performer developed, created, and rehearsed for his sold-out concerts at London’s O2 Arena. Gleaned from more than 100 hours of behind-the-scenes footage, the singer, dancer, filmmaker, and great artist at work is captured in raw and candid detail.

TAKING WOOD STOCK In 1969, young civic leader Elliott Tiber read the news of a planned music and arts festival that had lost its permit. He calls the festival’s producer to offer his family’s motel to the promoters. They agree on the site, a farm meadow, which resulted in the most historic event in music and culture.

The THE TIME TRAVELER’S WIFE Clare has been in love with Henry her entire life. Henry is a time traveler, skip-ping back and forth through his lifespan with no control. Despite the fact that Henry’s travels force them apart with no warning, Clare desperately tries to build a life with one true love.

Friends Honor 2009 Public Library Award Winners

The Friends of the Library of Hawaii (FLH) honored Gabrielle Casart, Branch Manager of Laupahoehoe Public & School Library, as the 2009 Public Librarian of the Year in a public reception and awards ceremony on February 11 at Lihue Public Library. The reception and ceremony were conducted during the Friends’ annual meeting. The Friends also honored Marjorie Akita, Library Technician of Hanapepe Public Library; Barbara Gambsky, Library Assistant of Mountain View Public & School Library; and Lorna Lau, Library Technician of the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped; with the 2009 Excellence in Service Awards.

Casart, who describes herself as a “people person,” enjoys making the library a warm, welcoming environment where everyone, including non-readers, feel they belong. “If people want to come, I’m doing my job right,” Casart said.

The Friends presented Casart with the perpetual Public Librarian of the Year Award plaque, $1,500 cash award for Laupahoehoe Public & School Library, a Tiffany vase with a floral bouquet, and a $500 gift certificate from program co-sponsor Native Books Na Mea Hawai’i Library. An added gift of $100 was contributed by Laupahoehoe Public & School Library. The Friends also honored Marjorie Akita Library Technician of Hanapepe Public Library; Barbara Gambsky, Library Assistant of Mountain View Public & School Library; and Lorna Lau, Library Technician of the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped; with the 2009 Excellence in Service Awards.

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The Friends of the Library of Hawaii’s 2009 Public Library Award Winners