Lahaina Library Receives $5,000 Donation

The Maui Friends of the Library received a $5,000 donation from the Rotary Club of Lahaina. The Rotary Club, together with sponsors Royal Lahaina Resort, Better Brands Wine Distributors and Maui Friends of the Library, conducted a highly-successful fundraiser last month for Lahaina Public Library.

The funds raised were used to purchase new furniture for the 54-year-old Library, located at 680 Wharf Street. The “Savor the Sunset” fundraiser is the first phase of the Rotary Club’s planned three-year improvements project for the Library. Building on the success of “Savor the Sunset,” the Rotary Club has already begun planning for their 2011 fund-raising event.

Teen Prize Winners, from front page

More than 3,000 teens statewide participated in the annual HSPLS Teen Summer Reading Program, collectively reading nearly 24,000 books. Students entering grade 7 through 2010 high school graduates were invited to sign up for the five-week program which encourages reading and strengthens reading habits.

Other Grand Prize winners, their grade levels, and host libraries are: Keunui Ah You, Kauhikou (gr. 7); Heylin Bernath, Lilua (gr. 8); Kristin Fujiyama, Pearl City (gr. 9); Sean Garcia, Kailua (gr. 8); Andrew Holcombe, Salt Lake-Moanalua (gr. 9); Lindsey Hu, Aiea (gr. 9); Dion-Dina Kau, Kapolei (gr. 12); Leolani Leon, Kaimuki (gr. 8); Tiffany Li, McCully-Moiliili (gr. 10); Aaron Lu, Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped (gr. 7); Tatyia Magallanes, Wai‘anae (gr. 7); Ikaika Magno, Waialua (gr. 8); Daniel Mitu, Aina Haina (gr. 7); Natsumi Nishimoto, Waikiki-Kapahulu (gr. 8); Ryan Ogasawara, Kalii-Palama (gr. 7); Luxury Puragan, Waialua (gr. 12); Kaka Rodrigues, Kaneohe (gr. 7); Sean Tadekawa, Hawaii Kai (gr. 9); Katherine Walker, Iwa Beach (gr. 8); and Tamika Wright, Waihiwa (gr. 9).

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Keiki Reading Program Winners Selected

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Top Ten Titles

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

**Bestseller**
1. Sizzling sixteen by Janet Evanovich
2. Private by James Patterson
3. Caught by Harlan Coben
4. 61 Hours: a Reacher novel by Lee Child
5. Storm Prey by John Sandford
6. Blue-Eyed Devil by Robert B. Parker
7. The Spy by Clive Cussler
8. Innocent by Scott Turow
9. Death Echo by Elizabeth Lowell
10. The Lion: a novel by Nelson DeMille

**DVD**
1. Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl
2. The Dark Knight
3. Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
4. Kill Bill Vol. 1
5. Calendar Girls
6. X-Men: The Last Stand
7. Lost in Translation
8. Kung Fu Panda
9. The Touchables
10. The SpongeBob Square Pants movie

**CD**
1. Honolulu City Lights – Keola & Kayoro Ioama
2. Off the Wall – Michael Jackson
3. Hapa – Hapa
4. Palisay, Sage, Rosemary and Thyme – Simon and Garfunkel
5. E o Mai – Keali‘i Reichel
7. Time, Love & Tenderness – Michael Bolton
8. Blonde on blonde – Bob Dylan
9. Best of Sade – Sade
10. Forrest Gump: The Soundtrack

Sakuma Shares Passion of Teaching Kids to Play the Ukulele

By Paul H. Mark

Roy Sakuma, Hawai‘i’s premier ukulele proponent and teacher, presented “The Art of the Ukulele” on August 15 at Kaimuki Public Library. A crowd of 60 people gathered to hear Sakuma perform a few songs and share stories about how learning to play the ukulele from master ukulele virtuoso Herb “Ohta-san” Ohta helped to turn his life around.

As Sakuma matured, his passion for performing on the ukulele transformed into teaching students how to play the four-stringed instrument. Sakuma’s teaching system has brought the joy of music to thousands of ukulele players for the past 40 years.

Sakuma is founder of the annual Ukulele Festival in Waikiki, the largest ukulele festival of its kind in the world. The 40th Annual Ukulele Festival was celebrated this past June at the Kapilolani Park Bandstand.

During the program, Sakuma introduced Nick Acosta, a 14-year old boy who was born without a right arm. Among the songs they performed together was “Wipeout,” the surf classic by the Surfaris. Acosta, whom Sakuma calls “a one-arm ukulele extraordinaire,” is truly an inspiration to others.

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Do You Have Email Notification?

Did you know that you can switch to email notification for reserves and items overdue? In our first year of offering email notification, more than 41,500 patrons have requested this cost-effective, environmentally-friendly and time-saving service. We have sent more than 175,500 email notices and have saved the Hawaii State Public Library System nearly $51,000 in postage, printing and post card costs.

To begin receiving email notices, visit any public library and present your valid library card and PIN number. Staff will activate the email notification service for your account.

NewTeenTitles

By Donna Ramirez, Alan Hagihara and Jayla Nakamura, Young Adult Volunteers; coordinated by Mark Kobayak, Young Adult Librarian, Hilo Public Library

Carolyn Henney

PANDORA GETS HEART (Gr. 6-12) In Book four of the Pandora series, thirteen-year-old Pandora Atheneus Andromache Helena (“Pandy” for short) and her friends Akcie, Iole and Homer must travel back in time 1,300 years to the start of the Trojan War to find the deadly evil Lust.

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Julie Anne Peters

BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, I’LL BE DEAD (Gr. 9-12) High school student Daelyn Rice has been bullied ever since kindergarten and has tried numerous failed suicide attempts. After finding a website called “Through-the-Light” she is determined to end her life, until she meets a strange boy named Santana who refuses to leave her alone.

Catherine Jinks

THE REFORMED VAMPIRE SUPORT GROUP (Gr. 7-12) Teen vampire Nina Harrison has attended boring Tuesday night Reformed Vampire Support Group meetings with other vampires for the past 51 years. Things change when a member of their group is suddenly staked, and they must track down and find the killer before they all meet the same fate.

Amy Efaw

AFTER (Gr. 9-12) Fifteen-year-old Devon Dav-enport is a perfect role model – a straight-A student and star soccer player who dreams of making the Olympic team. But her dreams are soon shattered when a life-changing event turns her world upside down.

Maggie Stiefvater

SHIVER (Gr. 9-12) High school junior Grace has watched the wolves that live in the woods behind her house for years. Sam, a yellow-eyed wolf who lives most of the year with the wolf pack, also watches Grace, the girl he loves. The day they meet will change their lives and the way they live forever.

Two Maui Libraries will Receive Self-Checkout Units

The Maui Friends of the Library have generously provided funding for Self Checkout stations in Kīhei and Lahaina Public Libraries. The 3M V2 Self Check system is fast and reliable, and features an easy-to-use touch screen, step-by-step instructions, and a distinctive “V” design that helps patrons place items correctly for checkout. The system processes books, magazines, videos, CDs and DVDs. Other libraries offering the Self Checkout option are Hilo and Kapolei Public Libraries. We are very grateful to the Maui Friends of the Library for this donation and for their ongoing support.

HSPLS Receives $59,370 in Tax Refund Donations

Hawaii’s public libraries received $59,370 in tax refund donations for the first half of 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. “Mahalo na loa to all those who have contributed to HSPLS’s public libraries through this annual donation program,” said State Librarian Richard Burns. “Your continued support will allow HSPLS to purchase books and other materials that will benefit library patrons of all ages.”