Rep. Marcus Oshiro Receives Friends’ Mahalo Award

State Rep. Marcus Oshiro (D-39, Wahiawa, Whitmore Village, Lauanui Valley) was selected by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii (FLH) as the 2010 Legislator of the Year during their Legislative Breakfast on January 12 at historic Washington Place. Mrs. Lauzanne Oshiro (middle), wife of Rep. Oshiro, received the Mahalo Award from FLH Board Member Rosemary Chong (right) and State Librarian Richard Burns. As chair of the Finance Committee, Rep. Oshiro was instrumental in the restoration of almost $3 million to the HSPLS budget, which has allowed HSPLS to begin filling vacant public service positions and eliminate the Library System’s furlough days.

Friends, Books, Music – THE SALE!

The Friends of the Library of Hawaii hosted “Friends, Books, Music – THE SALE” from January 15-17 at their harbor warehouse on Forest Street, next to Reuse Hawaii. Customers were treated to a wide selection of thousands of great books that included books, records, DVDs, VHS tapes, cassettes, and magazines. More than $30,000 was collected to benefit Hawaii’s public libraries.

Newbery & Caldecott Awards

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The most popular Bestsellers and DVDs borrowed from Hawaii's public libraries in January 2011:

**Bestseller**
1. Hell’s Corner by David Baldacci
2. The Confession by James Patterson
3. Cross Fire by James Patterson
4. Worth Dying For: A Reacher Novel by Lee Child
5. The Reversal: A Novel by Michael Connolly
6. The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet’s Nest by Stieg Larsson
7. Safe Haven by Nicholas Sparks
8. Bad Blood by John Sandford
9. Decision Points by George W. Bush
10. Painted Ladies by Robert B. Parker

**DVD**
1. Iris
2. Next
3. The Closer: Complete First Season
4. Hong dou nu zhi lian (My love Patzai)
5. Meet the Fockers
6. Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
7. Jurassic Park
8. Transformers (Animated): Season One
9. Rendition
10. Pride and Prejudice

**Top Ten Tides**

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**Tax Forms Available at Libraries**

Who needs tax forms? Public libraries statewide will serve as distribution outlets for Hawaii State tax forms, thanks to a continuing partnership between the Hawaii State Public Library System and the State Department of Taxation. Library staff will supply the forms, but are not trained to assist with tax questions. For assistance, call the Department of Taxation’s Tax Information Line: 587-4242 on Oahu; from Neighbor Islands, call toll-free at 1-800-222-3229. For the hearing impaired: call 587-1418 on Oahu; from Neighbor Islands, call toll-free at 1-800-887-8974. Telephone lines will be open Monday-Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., except on State holidays. Visit www.state hi.us/tax for more information.


**Need Federal tax forms?**
Many public libraries will serve as distribution outlets for Federal tax forms. Contact your local library to find out if they will be distributing Federal tax forms or for an alternate library nearest you.

Since the check-off box was added to tax forms six years ago the total amount donated to HSPLS is more than $538,000. Mahalo for your support!

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**Lahaina Public Library Receives $20,000 Books Donation**

The North Beach-West Maui Benefit Fund recently donated $20,000 worth of University of Hawaii Press books about Hawaii, the Pacific Islands and East Asia to Lahaina Public Library. The total value of this donation is larger than the library’s entire book budget for 2011. Joining in the presentation are, from left, Board Member Neil Woods; Lahaina Public Library Manager Madeleine Buchanan; Lance D. Collins, Fund attorney; and Board Member Jackie Specktor. The North Beach-West Maui Benefit Fund was established in 2008 to administer projects that benefit the North Beach and West Maui communities.

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**Recommended Children’s Books**

- **By Hilda Convino, Children’s Librarian, Manoa Public Library**
- **Tad Hills**
  - HOW ROCKET LEARNED TO READ (Kindergarten - Gr. 2)
  - Rocket and a little yellow bird are friends. Rocket does not know that his tiny friend has big plans for him – she is determined to teach him how to read.
- **Pauline Bogan**
  - LULU THE BIG LITTLE CHICK (Kindergarten - Gr. 2)
- **Ellen Jarvenick**
  - BIRTHDAY PET (Kindergarten - Gr. 2)
- **Phillip Stead**
  - A SICK DAY FOR AMOS MCgee (Kindergarten - Gr. 2)
- **Kate DiCamillo**
  - BINK AND GOLIHE (Gr. 2 - 3)
  - One is tall, one is short. One loves peanut butter, the other likes pancakes. Meet Bink and Golihe, who seem very different in many ways but manage to overcome their differences in these three short stories that illustrate the ups and downs of friendship.

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**Manager of the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Retires**

By Susan Nakata

After a career of distinguished public service spanning nearly four decades, Fusako Katahira, the Managing Librarian for the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH), retired in December 2010. With her characteristic warmth, determination, tireless advocacy and concern for the blind community in Hawaii, Miyashiro successfully moved LBPH forward, conquering challenges in funding, equal accessibility, and technology. During her tenure, Miyashiro’s accomplishments included:

- 1990 HSPLS Employee of the Year
- Eva H. Smyth Award presented by the Hawaii Association of the Blind (HAB) for “distinguished contribution to the welfare and well-being of the blind people of Hawaii”
- Installing accessible computers loaded with JAWS and ZoomText assistive software at LBPH and six additional libraries. In the near future, all Hawaii’s public libraries will have accessible computers with JAWS and ZoomText
- Overseeing the conversion of recorded programs to digital technology
- Expanding the Radio Reading Service from 1-2 hours on weekdays to 24/7 service
- Establishing an outreach and volunteer coordinator position in the midst of a prolonged hiring freeze and rising vacancy numbers, by using trust funds

A hallmark of Miyashiro’s work ethic was to make every effort to ensure that her patrons’ needs were met and that the rest of her staff followed suit. This high standard was further applied to the group of dedicated library volunteers that she recruited, trained, and retained. Throughout her career, she networked with other agencies serving blind people across the entire Pacific region and truly made a significant contribution towards improving their lives.