Library Fundraisers, from front page

With spending restrictions still in place, these donated funds will now be used in many beneficial ways such as increasing our library collections, enhancing our technological support, and improving our operations and facilities for the public.

While we are no longer facing immediate furloughs for our staff due to the previous budget cuts, we are still struggling to keep up with the rising operational costs (i.e., utilities, postage, delivery, etc.) for our system. Even though these campaigns are drawing to a close, we still need and welcome any donations to support your public libraries. Tax-deductible donations may still be made to the Friends of the Library of Hawaii at 690 Pohukaina St., Honolulu, HI 96813, or online via their website, www.friendsofthehawaiibibliothek.org.

The success of these campaigns and outpouring of support offered to our public libraries during this very challenging time has humbled and inspired us. Mahalo nui loa and Best Wishes for a healthy, happy and successful 2011!

Isabella Bird, from front page

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Two Maui Libraries Receive Self Check-out Units

The Maui Friends of the Library has provided Lahaina Public Library with a new 3M self-check-out unit in December 2010. More than 250 patrons have used the self-check-out unit which helps to alleviate waiting time at the circulation desk. Kai Payne, 7, a Princess Na-hienaena Elementary School student was the first patron to use the unit and is shown stamping her own book. The Maui Friends of the Library has also purchased a 3M self-check-out unit for Kihel Public Library.

New Teen Titles

Jennifer Echols FORGET YOU (Gr. 9-12) Zoe’s swim team captain and all-around control freak, loses her memory of a pivotal night after a car crash. She is confused to find bad boy Doug, who always seemed to hate her, suddenly showing an interest.

Liz Haines GIRL IN THE ARENA (Gr. 7-12) Lyn lives comfortably as the daughter of a famous gladiator in this Hunger Games read-alike with a Roman twist. When her father is killed in the arena, Lyn must either marry or fight her father’s last opponent – young, undefeated Uber.

Shaun David Hutchinson THE DEATHDAY LETTER (Gr. 9-12) Ollie is only fifteen years old when his letter arrives giving him 24-hours advance notice of his death. With his best friend and recent ex-girlfriend tagging along, Ollie sets out to take a lifetime’s worth of things to do in a single day.

Patrick Ness MONSTERS OF MEN (Gr. 12) The Chaos Walking trilogy (preceded by The Knife of Never Letting Go and The Ask and the Answer) reaches its climactic conclusion as Todd and Viola battle to bring peace to a warring world where a virus has made men’s thoughts bearable to all.

Trisha Telge THE ETERNAL KISS (Gr. 8-12) A collection of thirteen short stories that depict vampires, and features selections from writers such as Kelley Armstrong, Libba Bray, Cassandra Clare, Dina James, Lili St. Crow, and others.

Liz Tigelaar PRETTYTOUGH (Gr. 7-12) Abby, blond Krista Brown is pretty and popular. Her sister, Charlie, is more interested in brav ing the Malibu waves. But when Krista and Charlie are both recruited to the school’s soccer team, they are forced to face their differences.

Kahului Library Reopens after AC Renovation

Kahului Public Library, located at 90 School Street, is scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, January 4 after completing an air-conditioner replacement project that took longer than usual. The Library, which has been closed since February 19, was forced to delay its reopening after encountering several unanticipated and unexpected challenges that complicated the project.

The original project was to replace only the air handlers in one of the air-conditioning systems servicing the library. During the final testing phase of the original project, a section of the air ducts collapsed, and the air-conditioner manufacturer for that system started to fail.

When this problem was corrected, the condensers for the other system shut down. Throughout this project, representatives from the Department of Accounting and General Services and the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) worked diligently with contractors to address the problems as they arose. This included negotiating and amending the original contract, obtaining additional funding, and reissuing of this additional equipment from the mainland.

After the air-conditioner replacement project completed its final inspection, the library received professional cleaning, and library staff worked quickly to unpack, sort, and shelves thousands of library materials that were returned to the branch during the ten-month closure, and to have them available for patrons when the library reopened.

Kahului Public Library was opened in February 1963 and serves as the regional library for Maui. In an effort to meet the demands of a burgeoning population, the Library was renovated in 1987 to increase the building size by 50 percent, provide air conditioning to the entire 16,000 square foot facility, and to add handicap-accessible restrooms.

“One behalf of the staff of HSPLS and the Kahului Public Library, we sincerely apologize to all Maui resi dents who were inconven ienced by this extended closure. Our library staff shared in your frustrations at each delay and appreciated your patience, understanding, and continued patron age,” said State Librarian Richard Burns.