In observance of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, a special Family Story Time series was conducted at six Oahu public libraries and two military libraries in April 2011. The Child Abuse Prevention Planning Council and State Department of Health sponsored the free story time series. A kick-off event was held on April 2 at the Hawaii State Library-Edward Almy Room for children; seated at left are Special Guest Readers Jazelle Fuselier, Miss Hawaii 2010; Honolulu Police Chief Louis Kealoha, and Kealoha Heffernan, Mrs. Hawaii International 2011. Standing from left are Donna Tokumaru, Hawaii State Library children’s librarian; Aileen Deese, PCAR program director; Tammy Smith of Child and Family Services; and Melanie Villaflores of Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii. Other participating public librarians included: Hawaii Kai, Kaimuki, Kahului-Palama, Kalihi, and Lihue; participating military libraries included: Hickam Air Force Base (AFB) and Sergeant Yano (Schofield Barracks).

HSPLS Receives $25,000 Grant from Kamehameha Schools

T he Kamehameha Schools Public Education Support Division awarded the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) a $25,000 grant for academic support materials in nine of our libraries. The funds have been used to purchase library materials for students from preschool to age 20, at targeted branches located in communities with large Native Hawaiian populations: Kahuku, Waianae and Waimanalo (Oahu); Keaau, Naalehu, and Pahoa (Big Island); Kapaa (Kauai); Hana (Maui); and Honolulu. To expedite the acquisition and delivery of the books and to take advantage of deep discounts, materials were centrally purchased between the Hawaii State Library and branch staff at the nine recipient libraries. All told, the grant funds purchased 830 volumes representing 385 different titles. Book topics include Hawaiian language, biographies, non-fiction, fiction, encyclopedias, dictionaries, at-lases, mythology, folktales, and Pacific Island people and cultures.

Kamehameha Schools Grant, from front page

patrons statewide will have the opportunity to place reserves on these books through HSPLS’ online catalog. Mahalo nui loa to Kamehameha School’s Public Education Support Division for providing these generous support grants to promote reading and life-long learning, especially among our younger patrons.

Join the HSPLS Summer Reading Programs

R eaders of all ages are invited to participate in the 2011 HSPLS Summer Reading Programs, which will be conducted from May 31 through July 1. The free five-week programs at public libraries will feature outstanding, family-friendly storytelling performances by noted storytellers and artists. Participants who visit the library weekly and read at least one book per week are eligible to receive a free weekly reading incentive, while supplies last. This year’s themes are “One World, Many Stories” (Children); “You Are Here” (Young Adult); and “Novel Destinations” (Adult).

The 2011 HSPLS Summer Reading Programs have a record number of sponsors this year, including the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, Marriott Resorts Hawaii, Ko Olina Resort & Marina, Meadow Gold Dairies, HMS Host, Hansen Distribution Group, ING Foundation, Armstrong Produce, Bowman Connectivity Solutions, Inc., Girard's Dressing, Roberts Hawaii Tours, Toshiba Business Solutions, DFS Hawaii, NFL Charities, First Hawaiian Bank, Aloha United Way, and The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation. Corporate and other sponsors include McDonald’s Restaurants of Hawaii, Hawaii Pizza Hut, Frito-Lay of Hawaii, Diamond Bakery Ltd., First Insurance Company of Hawaii, American Chemical Society, Mutual Publishing, The Islander Group, and local Chapter Friends. Performances featuring artists from the Statewide Cultural Extension Program are co-sponsored by the University of Hawaii’s Outreach College, Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information: visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call your local library for public service hours. June 18-26 – 64th Annual Friends of the Library of Hawaii (FLH) Booksale, McKinley High School Cafeteria. Proceeds benefit the Hawaii State Public Library System. For more information, visit the FLH website: www.friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org, call them at 538-4714, or contact your local public library.
Bestseller

1. Toys: a novel by James Patterson
2. Treachery in Death by J.D. Robb
3. Tick Tock by James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge
4. Gideon’s Sword by Douglas J. Preston
5. The Sentry by Robert Crais
6. Strategic Moves by Stuart Woods
7. Fatal Error by Judith A. Jance
8. Secrets by Elizabeth Phillips
9. Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events
10. Death of a Dishwater by Robert Crais

Hawaii State Library receives gifts from Taiwanese delegation

A delegation of Taiwanese librarians presented about 92 Chinese language print volumes and 18 DVDs to the Hawaii State Library (HSL). The librarians, who were in Honolulu recently for the Association of Asian Studies conference, received a guided library tour, met with HSL Director Diane Eddy (center) and section heads to discuss eBooks and digital projects. The event was set up by Milton Kwok (4th from right), Exec. Director, Dept. of Business, Econ. Development and Tourism’s Office of Intl. Affairs. Others (l-r) are Colette Young Wei Peng, Secretary General, Library Association, Republic of China; Shu-hsien Tseng, Director-General, National Central Library of Taiwan (NCLT); Ann Fujikoa, Hisao- ming Yu, Director, NCLT’s Special Collections; Alan Wu, Director, NCLT; Tai Chi Lin, Director, NCLT; Minam Sato and Tisha Aragaki.

New Sense-sational Show a Success

Honolulu Theatre for Youth’s “New Sense-sational Show,” a reprise of a popular stage production created especially for preschool-age children, was an overwhelming success with more than 1,500 people attending free performances at 20 selected public libraries statewide in January and February 2011.

Directed by Enda Breadon and written by Oishin O’Sullivan and Sandra Payne, The New Sense-sational Show is a fun, comedic adventure, complete with puppety and music, where objects come to life, and anything can happen. Actors Moses Goods and Maile Holck took audience members on a sensory journey - to smell, taste, touch, listen and see how to make sense of the senses.

The 45-minute pre-literacy, pre-science program was sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, Marriott Resorts Hawaii, Ko Olina Resort & Marina, Hansen Distribution Group, HMS Host, Meadow Gold Dairies, Armstrong Produce Ltd., Bowman Connectivity Solutions, DFS Hawaii, Girard’s Dressings, Roberts Hawaii Tours Inc., Toshiba Business Solutions, and Viacom International Inc. (Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, and Anheuser Busch. Additional funding was provided by ING Foundation, Renée B. Fisher Foundation, Pension Services Corporation Hawaii, Rezents & Crowley LLP, Bank of Hawaii, Advanced Micro-Image Systems, CoreGroupOne, Kathy Choy, Zippy’s Restaurants, and Safeway. Honolulu Theatre for Youth also received funding from Target and Oceanic Time Warner Cable.

New Teen Titles

Jennifer Donnelly

REVOLUTION

(Gr. 10-12) Andi Alpers, a gifted classical guitarist, is severely depressed after the tragic death of her younger brother. When she finds a hidden diary of Alexandria Paradis, a young actress who lived during the French Revolution, Andi discovers similarities that they share in this richly-layered musical and historical mystery.

Aranzi Aravon

CUTE STUFF

(Gr. 7-12) Learn how to make easy-to-hand sew crafts, mostly using felt and embroidery thread, with step-by-step instructions and colorful pictures. You can make these original characters for yourself or for friends.

Kenneth Oppel

HALF BROTHER

(Gr. 7-10) Thirty year-old Ben has just moved across Canada with his researcher parents and new baby “half-brother,” a chipmunk named Zan. Ben’s parents are studying the developmental behavior of Zan, as they attempt to communicate using American Sign Language and raise him as part of the family.

Wendelin Van Draanen

THE RUNNING DREAM

(Gr. 7-10) Jessica, the star sprinter for high school track team loves running more than anything else in the world. A freak bus accident kills her classmates and leaves Jessica with an amputated leg. As Jessica struggles with her recovery, she learns the true value of friendship, perseverance, and believing in yourself and others.

Mark Shulman

SCRAWL

(Gr. 7-10) While his friends are sentenced to manual labor for vandalizing the school property, Tod’s punishment is pure agony: to sit in detention after school and write a journal for “Mrs. W.,” the Guidance Counselor. Tod has a gift with words but his side of the story is much more complicated, funny, and chaotic than what appears to be.

Feng Shui Can Empower Your Life

Feng Shui can provide ways for you to empower your life through your environment, thoughts, intuition and spirit. Alice Inoue, Feng Shui expert and inspirational speaker, shared how to “Feng Shui Your Life” and gave an audience of more than 20 adults at Aina Haina Public Library on April 16.

“Life is a journey that is always directing us to listen to that voice within,” said Inoue. “By understanding the role that the environment plays, and by consciously looking at life from a new perspective, we can open up to a whole new world of possibilities.”

Inoue shared simple Feng Shui guidelines such as “Alice’s Three Basic Rules”: 1. Minimize Clutter: Clutter creates stagnant energy and prohibits energy flow. Enable the energy to move freely through your environment by clearing out things that are no longer relevant to your life. 2. Have Only What You Love Around You: Everything in your environment holds an energy that either supports or drains you. Surround yourself with things you love to bring more of that which you love into your life; and 3. Pay Attention to the Pictures on Your Wall. The pictures on your wall are “speaking” to you constantly. Having pictures that speak positively to you will surround you with that energy.

Inoue offered a few simple ways to clear clutter: Grand Master Lin Yun’s theory of relativity: whatever is closest to you affects you the most; begin clearing from where you spend the most time. For example, clear out under your bed and the nightstand so you can wake up to a clean nightstand; The “Four-Corner” method: Stagnant energy accumulates in the corners: Start by picking any corner in your home and clear it out. Continue clearing out the rest of the corners. After the third corner, you will feel a renewed sense of lightness and gain more energy.

“You need to schedule some time to clean up clutter or it will never happen,” said Inoue. “We always have time to do the things you want to do.”

Inoue has produced three instructional DVDs on feng shui and published three books: “Be Happy! It’s Your Choice,” “A Loving Guide to These Shifting Times,” and the recently released “Feng Shui Your Life.” For more information, please visit www.aliceinoue.com.