Tax Refund Donations of $61,170 Buys Best Sellers

Hawaii’s public libraries received $61,170 in tax refund donations from January through June 2015 as thousands of taxpayers continued to demonstrate their support for the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) by donating a portion of their 2015 tax refunds to the HSPLS Special Fund.

“Thank you to all those who have generously contributed to Hawaii’s public libraries through this annual donation program,” said State Librarian Stacey Aldrich. “Your generosity has allowed us to purchase books, audiobooks, and other materials for our libraries.”

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Mark Your Calendars

Sept. 5-7 – Labor Day Holiday; all libraries will be closed. Four libraries normally closed on Fridays – Aiea, Hawaii Kai, Liliha, and Makawao – will be open on Sept. 4; Kealakekua Library, normally closed on Thursdays, will be open on Sept. 3. Visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call your local library for public service hours.

Sept. 18 – Read an eBook Day. Help HSPLS win content credits from OverDrive worth $2,500 in a national contest! Share what eBook you are reading and mention OverDrive in a social media post using the hashtag #eBookLove. For reading recommendations, visit http://readanebookday.com/.

Banned Books Week Celebration is Sept. 27-Oct. 3

Celebrate your freedom to read during Banned Books Week, an annual awareness campaign sponsored by the American Library Association and a host of other sponsors from Sept. 27 to Oct. 3.

Banned Books Week highlights the freedom to choose or the freedom to express one’s opinions even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular. A “challenge” of a book is an attempt to remove or restrict materials based upon the objections of a person or group. A “banning” of a book is the removal of those materials.

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Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when our Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) joins with the American Library Association and public libraries nationwide to make sure that every student and resident alike has the most important item in their wallet or purse - a free library card! This year’s Honorary Chair of Library Card Sign-up Month is Snoopy, the world-famous beagle from Peanuts. As Honorary Chair, Snoopy reminds parents and caregivers, children and teens that the coolest card of all is a library card!

Here in Hawaii, as of June 2015, there were a total of 958,223 library card holders. Local celebrities love their libraries too! Entertainer Lina Girl, emcee of our popular HSPLS Teen Summer Reading Program-Oahu Finale and Super Hero Bon Dance, is a devoted and enthusiastic library patron. “My favorite thing I like to use my library card for is SAVING MONEY!” said Lina Girl. “In the past, I would borrow books and forget to return them in time so would have to pay the fines. Then I found out that with my library card, I could borrow eBooks and Audiobooks through the library website and the www.librarieshawaii.org Holo I Mua
Your Library Card, Endless Possibilities!
The Friends of the Library of Hawaii (FLH) have found a new “home” in Halawa. The Friends’ new headquarters is located in a spacious warehouse building at 99-1132 Iwaena Street.

For the first time in 10 years, the Friends of the Library of Hawaii’s warehousing, volunteer sorting and pricing, and office operations will be together in one site. “We chose this location so we could partner with Lanakila Pacific and utilize some of their warehouse space with their programs,” said Nainoa Mau, FLH Executive Director. “It is a great partnership with benefits for both organizations.”

The Friends occupy approximately 7,000 square feet on the first floor of the warehouse. Parking is available for volunteers under the building and there is a large shipping yard next to the building for freight delivery and donation drop-off.

A Grand Opening/Open House event is tentatively scheduled for September. An announcement will be made.

“We would like to thank the public and our regular donors for their patience and understanding while we searched for our new location,” said Mau.
Jeff Jensen
BEFORE TOMORROWLAND
(Gr. 7-12) Seventeen year-old Lee and his dying mom visit the 1939 World’s Fair and become entangled in a science-fiction adventure filled with hero geniuses, evil villains, and an angry robot.

Alexandra Sirowy
THE CREEPING
(Gr. 9-12) Two little girls disappear - one returns but the other is never found. Now seventeen, Stella the survivor is determined to find the answer.

Austin Aslan
GIRL AT THE CENTER OF THE WORLD
(Gr. 7-12) Readers who loved The Islands at the End of the World will enjoy this exciting sequel. Leilani and her family struggle to survive on the Big Island after a worldwide nuclear meltdown.

Rachel Caine
INK AND BONE: THE GREAT LIBRARY
(Gr. 9-12) Fans of unconventional history will enjoy this series set in Egypt where the Great Library of Alexandria still stands and knowledge is strictly controlled. Enter Jess, a teen book smuggler who discovers a device that may shift the balance of power away from the Library forever.

A. J. Steiger
MINDWALKER
(Gr. 9-12) Seventeen year-old Lain is training to become a Mindwalker: elite individuals who have the ability to erase painful memories. However, when she falls in love with a classmate whose troubled mind contains secrets that may expose the truth, Lain becomes a deadly target.

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HSPLS to purchase additional copies of in-demand Hot Picks best sellers such as Harper Lee’s Go Set a Watchman and Daniel Silva’s The English Spy that will benefit all our library patrons statewide.”

Since January 2005, Hawaii taxpayers have donated $840,612 through this tax donation program.

Salt Lake-Moanalua Gets Korean Language Books Donation
3,000+ Added to Collection

The Korean Library Foundation (KLF) made a generous donation of new Korean language books to Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library August 18 which increased their special collection to more than 3,000 Korean language books and other materials. KLF President Jennifer Kim (center) and Vice President Lia Pyun-Sakai present a popular Korean cookbook to Library Branch Manager Duane Wenzel while HSPLS managerial staff Ann Fujioka (far left) and Susan Nakata join in the celebration. Like K-Dramas? Check out McCully-Moiliili Public Library’s collection!

Tech Tip: How to Access Free Wi-Fi

Free wireless Internet access is available at all public libraries statewide. Since July 1, there have been a total of more than 56,000 wireless Internet access sessions or about 10,000 sessions per week! Patrons with personal laptops, smartphones, tablets, e-readers or other mobile devices may access the Internet in public service areas when libraries are open.

Users are advised to:
• Adjust settings on your personal device to receive the wireless signal
• Provide a valid library card number and PIN
• Agree to HSPLS Internet Acceptable Use policies; all users are encouraged to read these policies on appropriate usage in the library as well as risks and benefits of using the service
• Bring your own personal headphones
• Safeguard your personal devices and belongings at all times

Users should note:
• Wi-fi signal will turn off 15 minutes before library closes.
• Wireless printing is not available.
• The library Wi-fi is a public network; complete online safety is impossible to guarantee.
Kihei Public Library
By Jessica Gleason

Kihei Public Library is located at 35 Waimahaliha Street on the ocean side of South Kihei Road in the growing community of South Maui.

History: From its humble beginnings as a small volunteer-run library, to becoming a branch library of the Hawaii State Public Library System in 1988, to its move into a new and much larger building in 1996, our library has evolved into a well-used and beloved part of the South Maui community and island of Maui as well.

Collection: The library currently has a collection of more than 75,000 items including books, audiobooks, DVDs, and music CDs. Special collections include foreign language books, a Hawaiiana collection, and the Katz Memorial Library which offers books about Jewish religion, culture, and history. With more than 22,000 registered patrons, we have the second highest circulation figures in Maui County.

Facilities: Our library encompasses more than 18,000 square feet of space, including a spacious children’s area. Artwork on loan from the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts’ Art in Public Spaces program are on display throughout the library. A traditional Hawaiian fishing shrine featured on the South Maui Heritage Trail is located outside the library.

One Awesome Highlight: School-aged children are invited to join us for “Wonderful Wednesdays” on the last Wednesday of each month featuring a fun activity or event such as a movie matinee, volunteer project, or special performance, class, or program.

Friends Support: We are very fortunate to receive support from not only the Maui Friends of the Library but also the K.A. Edwards Memorial Trust, and the Friends of the Library of Hawaii. The Maui Friends of the Library staffs an ongoing booksale table in our lobby area with proceeds benefiting the library.

Hours: Kihei Public Library is open Tuesday from noon to 8 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and closed Sunday and Monday. For more information, visit www.librarieshawaii.org, visit Facebook and Twitter for event announcements, or call 875-6833.

Examples of nationally-challenged Banned Book titles include:
- Captain Underpants (series) by Dav Pilkey
- Harry Potter (series) by J.K. Rowling
- The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
- Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
- Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
- Beloved by Toni Morrison

To commemorate Banned Books Week 2015, the Hawaii State Library’s Edna Allyn Room for Children and Young Adult Section will present book displays of challenged titles. Exercise your freedom to read by checking out a banned book this month! For a list of banned books go to: http://www.ala.org/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks/top10.