

# Friends of the North Shore Library at Princeville

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Volunteering for community service is a laudable goal, but like so many other people, I have not often felt I could take that time while juggling a career, home life, social life, travel schedule, and other commitments. My goal, you might guess, is to encourage you to make the time.

When I was invited to consider nomination for the board a few years ago, it appeared as a way to get to know people in a new environment. That choice served its purpose well. I soon became acquainted with a substantial group of interesting people from diverse walks of life, all of whom were working together cooperatively toward a set of goals on which we all readily agreed. I was able to identify interest and strengths of mine that I could contribute to the extent that I felt comfortable and was never pressured to give more time or effort than I wanted. If you are new to our island, please consider getting more involved with the Friends as one way to become a contributing member to your community.

When the need for a new Recording Secretary emerged, I decided to accept that challenge. In the process, I learned a great deal about how the board of a non-profit agency works. I came to understand the significance of bylaws and rules of order and began to grasp exactly how the decision-making process in such a group works. If you have a desire to work with a non-profit agency in any realm of your interest, you'll find this board a satisfying way to learn those ropes, as our goals are relatively simple and our team exceptionally cooperative.

This year, I accepted the nomination for the role of President of this board. What an eye-opener that has been! When one takes on responsibility for the

group as a whole, it quickly becomes apparent how easy it is to take for granted the large amount of behind-the-scenes effort that goes into achieving the goals of the organization. Fortunately, our board is relatively large, and so most members can make a modest contribution that adds up to a very large accomplishment. A number of people have chosen to make efforts above-and-beyond, and without their dedication, we would be a struggling group rather than a highly successful team. If you are looking for an opportunity for leadership or the chance to get involved, please consider taking on the leading role in one of several committees or even accepting nomination as an officer of this board. It truly is rewarding—for oneself personally as well as for our library!

Best Regards,  
Mark A. Carey, President

## LIBRARIAN'S MESSAGE

Aloha Friends!

This year Princeville Public Library celebrates its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary! The library opened its doors to an enthusiastic crowd of over 500 people on April 14, 1999. The library began with a collection of 30,700 items. Today the collection stands at 42,615 items. In 1999, the library had 566 registered borrowers, today we have 6,104 borrowers! On the average, we have about 300 people from all walks of life pass through our doorways everyday.

In addition, the library has increased its circulation steadily every year, and I am thrilled to report that we attained the highest circulation on Kauai for 3 out of 12 months for 2003! For the other 9 months, we were always a very, very close second. With such tremendous numbers, we are pushing for

another public service position to be added to our staff. At the moment, we have the highest circulation numbers per public service staff in the entire state.

The library's success is due in large to your generous support. Over the 5 years, the Friends of the North Shore Library group have gifted the library with a whopping \$75,000! Such generosity translates into a windfall for the community in high quality, timely educational and recreational materials throughout the year.

You can be proud of the fact that your help, generosity, and your sincere interest in the library have made our first 5 years such a resounding success. Augustine Birrell, English politician and writer once said, "Libraries are not made, they grow." Thank you for all that you have done to make us grow and become better.

In celebration,



Lani T. Kawahara, MLS  
Branch Manager

## 2004 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

At the General Meeting of the Friends on December 6, a slate of Officers and Directors, recommended by our Nominating Committee, was approved for the 2004 calendar year. The following people have agreed to serve:

**President:** Mark Carey  
**Vice-President:** Rosemary Miller  
**Recording Secretary:** Ann Williams  
**Corresponding Secretary:** Marie Filson  
**Treasurer:** Jenny Conley

## Directors at Large:

Judy Cross  
Susan Dierker  
Lusette (Set) Eberhardt  
Marty Fernandes  
Barbara Leaman  
Susan LeHoven  
Walter Lewis  
Sue Meyer  
Mary Schulz  
Carol Seielstad  
Barbara Smith

## BOOK & TOY SALES EARNINGS

Our December 6 book and toy sale was a big success. We made \$1068.99 from books and \$277.75 from toys. We appreciate all of you who contributed to the success of the sale, in particular those who worked at the sale, Diane Brenden, Marty Fernandes, Susan Le Hoven, Diane Chait, Marie Filson, Steve Sobel, and Bill Horney.

Other book sale workers included Dolores Dugan, Mitch Adams, June and Bernie Schlissenger, Sandy Thomas, Susan Dierker and Rosalie Gordon. Refreshments for the December meeting were provided by Marty Fernandes, Mary Schulz and Marie Filson

## Library Account Expenditures Friends of the North Shore Library at Princeville

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| <b>Books and Materials</b>     | <b>\$2399.21</b> |
| <b>Furniture</b>               | <b>245.28</b>    |
| <b>Programs and Incentives</b> | <b>598.73</b>    |
| <b>Supplies/Other</b>          | <b>710.80</b>    |
| <b>Recorded Books</b>          | <b>803.40</b>    |
| <b>Software</b>                | <b>79.56</b>     |
| <b>Videos and DVD's</b>        | <b>1220.86</b>   |
| <b>Total . . . . .</b>         | <b>\$6057.84</b> |

## 2004 CALENDAR

Friends of the North Shore Library at Princeville

### Thursday, January 29

Regular Board Meeting 5:00 at the library

### Friday, February 20

Material for Spring newsletter due

### Friday, February 27

Spring newsletter mailing (include membership renewal form)

### Saturday, March 6

Book and Toy Sale – at the library  
9:00 – 10:00 Friends of the Library members only  
10:00-4:00 General public

### Thursday, March 25

Regular Board Meeting 5:00 at the library:  
Budget Planning and Approval and initial  
Committee Reports as appropriate

### Saturday, April 17

10:30-11:30 Library Speaker Program:  
Rose Wong of Organizing Plus will provide a one-  
hour program on organizing and decluttering the  
home- followed by a General Meeting of the  
Friends of the North Shore Library

### Friday, May 28

Postcard mailing (include membership renewal  
stamp as needed)

### Saturday, June 5

Book and Toy Sale – at the library  
9:00 – 10:00 Friends of the Library members only  
10:00-4:00 General public

### Friday, August 27

Postcard Mailing

### Saturday, September 4

Book and Toy Sale – at the library  
9:00 – 10:00 Friends of the Library members only  
10:00-4:00 General public

### Thursday, September 16

Regular Board Meeting 5:00 at the library:  
Membership and Nominating Committee Reports  
and other committee reports as appropriate

### Friday, October 1

Material for Fall newsletter due

### Friday, October 15

Fall newsletter mailing (must include proxies)

### Saturday, December 4

9:00 General Meeting at the library:  
Election of Board Members and Officers  
Book and Toy Sale – at the library  
9:30 – 10:00 Friends of the Library members only  
10:00-4:00 General public

### GOT CLUTTER?

As part of the library speaker program sponsored by the Friends of the Library, on Saturday, April 17 at 10:30 at the library, Ruth Wong from Organization Plus in Aiea will make a one-hour presentation on reducing clutter and organizing the home. Organization Plus is a professional organizing service committed to helping you make the most of your time and space.

Come hear her helpful ideas to improve some practical aspects of your life, and check out a book on the subject from our collection. The presentation will be followed by a brief General Meeting of the Friends of the North Shore Library at Princeville where information about the upcoming year's budget will be available.

**HINT: Get a head start on organization! Clear out those unread or already-read books that are still in good condition and drop them off at the library for consideration for the library's collection or contribution for our next book sale. Recent magazines, too, are welcome for the magazine exchange.**

### MAHALO FOR YOUR DONATIONS

*Terre Peterson, Mary Conklin, Claradeen Fu, Martha and Kurt Ucko, Doria and John Vogt, Sylvia Ramos and Brad Sanborn, Catherine and Norman Sadler, Joyce P. McDowell, Lusetta and Robert Eberhardt, Dottie and Dick Perry, Jo Ellen Chenoweth, Richard Brooks, Mary Kathleen Wallace, Joan Allen, Lynne and Frank Glaser, Stan Godes, Rosalie Gordon, Shirley Jones, Caleb Odam, Kay and Daye Sinovic, Cathy and Richard Larson, Beryl and Gary Blaich, and Susan Dierker.*

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- YES!** I want to become or remain a member this year (4/14/04-4/13/05) for **\$10**.  
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**\*Membership and donations are tax deductible.**

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