

Friends of the North Shore Library at Princeville

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President's Message

Dear Friends,

First of all, the Friends Board wants to thank Lani Kawahara for her dedication and fortitude in making the North Shore Library at Princeville a top notch library in the county, and to wish her well in her new position as Head Librarian at the Kapa'a Library. We welcome Jennifer Relacion, who has accepted the position of Acting Librarian. Jennifer has worked at the Princeville Library since July of 1999, and is familiar with all of its operations. We know that she is motivated and dedicated to continuing to offer our Library patrons the same excellent, friendly service we have experienced over the past 7 years, and we look forward to working with her to accomplish many mutual goals.

Secondly, did you know that the original Friends of the Library of Hawaii was founded in 1879 in Honolulu? In 1909 a grant was obtained from Andrew Carnegie to build Hawaii's first public library, and it was completed in 1913. The beginning group of supporters merged with the Friends of the Library (1938) and became the Friends of the Library of Hawaii in 1945. Since then many Friends' groups have been established. The 19 members of our dynamic 2006 Board of Directors for the Friends of the North Shore Library are focused on promoting and supporting the resources of the library. So far this year we have had a Staff Recognition Lunch, filled our display cases with special artists' works, hosted three excellent speaker programs, and opened a new Outreach Library in Hanalei to increase literacy in youth(see article).

Lastly, as President, I ask you to check our calendar, included in this newsletter, or to go online and pull up our site: www.hawaiian.net/northshorelibrary It will highlight all that we plan to work on this year from adding speakers, training shelvers, having a Volunteer Recognition Day, providing a Summer Reading Program, giving the community the best in our Book

Sales, and adding more books to the library shelves. If you haven't joined us, please fill out a form and "be a Friend". We welcome you to the North Shore Library at Princeville.

Mahalo,

Barbara C. Smith
President, Friends of the North Shore Library

Librarian's Message

Aloha Friends,

I hope this New Year has greeted all of you with good health and many blessings. The staff at The Princeville Public Library looks forward to the opportunities ahead of us in 2006.

As you know, in January, Lani Kawahara accepted a Branch manager's position at the Kapa'a Library. She is fulfilling her dream of being back in the library where she was raised. For the last seven years, she has diligently served the North Shore community (and beyond) with much knowledge, confidence, and forward thinking. Her expertise in selecting materials, as well as her technological competence and her ability to render efficient service, has contributed to making the library a successful part of the community.

I have accepted the position as a Library Tech VIII, and I look forward to the responsibility of managing the library, purchasing new materials, and extending the services to our friends, (returning) visitors, and newcomers. As our library continues to develop, I am eager to expand our collection of books, audio-visual material and periodicals to satisfy a diverse range of interests. With the helpful insight of staff and The Friends of the North Shore Library Board, I am enthusiastic about executing the necessary and

appropriate changes to accommodate our growing population.

To further enhance the services the library provides, The Friends of the North Shore Library at Princeville have organized a schedule of events for the year, which promote the awareness and richness of the Hawaiian culture. In addition to these programs, which have been very successful in the past, the Friends have a monthly educational display. In the glass cases, we currently have a private collection of seashells. In the coming months, there will also be on exhibit colorful saris, Japanese Girl's Day Dolls, and Mexican Folk Art. Informative material about the Kaua'i Humane Society, Hurricane Preparedness, The US Fish and Wildlife Service, Kaua'i Ocean Family Fair, and Kaua'i Invasive Species will also be featured.

In April, we look forward to celebrating the library's seventh year. For those of you who have dedicated countless hours of your time, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your past and future contributions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Relacion
Acting Librarian

Aloha, Lani!



Photo by Diane Chait

Lani Kawahara was appointed as the Princeville Library's head librarian before the library was opened to the public in April of 1999, and she served in that capacity until January of 2006, when, following her childhood dream, she left to become head librarian at the Kapa'a Library. Lani worked tirelessly to get the Princeville Library up and running, and continued to

work to improve services throughout her tenure on the North Shore. We will miss her cheery smile and her wonderful expertise, but we wish her the best in her new endeavor. And, as she has said, she is really "just down the road." So, if you are in Kapa'a, stop by the library there and say hello!

Spotlight on Jennifer Relacion



Photo by Dotty Nakea

Our new Acting Librarian, Jennifer Relacion, was born in Toronto, Canada. Both of her parents were born and raised on Kaua'i; her mom, Helen is from Kilauea, and her dad, John, was brought up in the Ahukini area. The family moved back to Kaua'i when Jennifer was 3 years old.

Jennifer attended St. Catherine's School for nine years (she was in the school's first kindergarten class), then went to high school at Kapa'a High & Intermediate. She and Lani Kawahara were classmates there! She continued her education at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, obtaining a degree in Sociology. After college, she worked and lived on O'ahu for a few more years.

In 1996, Jen moved back home to Kaua'i following the death of her father. She worked at various jobs for three years before she got what she calls her "lucky call" from Lani when the Princeville Library opened. She started three months after its opening, and has been there and loving her job ever since.

Jennifer says, "In the seven years I've been here, I have been fortunate to work with Lani, and have learned so much about the library, from the processing of books and materials, to circulating these items to the public and answering reference questions. With all the great books we have in circulation, I often find it difficult to choose which ones to read. ☺ So when I'm not reading (or when I take too long to finish a book, like The Da Vinci Code), I look forward to spending time with my family and two dogs. My boyfriend, Terry, and I occasionally entertain ourselves with a selection of DVDs, or we go out to the movies. I also enjoy beading jewelry and baking my favorite chocolate chip cookies for friends and family."

The Friends welcome Jennifer in her new capacity as Acting Librarian, and we look forward to working with her to continue making the Princeville Library an integral and valued part of our community.

New and Renewing Friends for 2006

Last year we changed from a fiscal year to a calendar year for our memberships. Consequently, dues are now due January 1st of each year. Check the list below to see if you are on it (this list is current as of mid February, 2006)! If you are not, and you wish to join or to renew your membership, there is a membership application in this newsletter. You will also find applications at the Library and on www.hawaiian.net/northshorelibrary, the Friends web site. If you do not see your name below, and you think you have paid your 2006 dues, please contact Barbara Smith at 826-7585.

The following people are new or renewing Friends and Family Friends for 2006: Barbara Adair, Bob and Evelyn Apte, Betty Armstrong, James and Diana Anakalea, Don Barney, Beryl and Gary Blaich, Leona and Thomas Blankley, Nancy and Jack Blanton, Robert and Eleanor Bottomley, Diane and Jerry Brenden, Evelyn Brodie, Carolyn and Roger Brookman, Heidi Caglayan, Sharon Carrol, Diane Chait/Steve Sobel, Jenny Conley, Bruce and Laura Conrey, Judy and Alan Cross, the Cunningham family, Ann Darlington, June Deluca, Emmet DeVille, Susan Dierker, David Dinner, Robert and Sue Ellen Doyle, Lou and Nancy Dubuque, Dolores Dugan, Michael and Charlene Dyer, Robert and Set Eberhardt, Marty Fernandes, Margaret Furze, Bill and Judy Gabelman, Katherine and Jean-Michel Gabet, Marjorie Gifford, Stan Godes, Johanna Gomez, D'nese Goodfellow-Granger, Alpha, Pam and Lari Goto, Patricia and Darrell Graves, Vi Herbert, Phyllis Hopeck, Sally and Tom Hopkins/Wilks, Lolita and Bill Horney, Gail Hunter, Patty Irons, George and Beverly James, Thomas King, Faye Kurk, Barbara and Ralph Leaman, Glenda and Walter Lewis, Rob Lilley, Jack and Maggie Long, Stephen Love, Peter and Kathleen Lutten, Robert and Mary MacDonald, Lynda

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Business Members

Valued support comes from our Business Members, who pay extra dues to enroll their companies on our membership roster. We are proud to recognize **Kauai Property Services LLC, and Kaulele Education Services** as Business Members of the Friends of the North Shore Library.

Contributors

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E-mails

To supplement the semi-annual Newsletter, Diane Chait, the Volunteer Coordinator, sends occasional e-mail updates about special events, book sales, volunteer opportunities, information the Librarian wants to share, etc. If you are not receiving these updates and would like to be added to our list, please drop a note in the Friends mailbox at the Library with your name and e-mail address. We do NOT share our e-mail list with

others! Also, **please** remember to advise the Friends if your e-mail address changes. Mahalo!

eBooks and Audio Books are here !

article by Steve Sobel

Last October's Friends' newsletter contained an article explaining how to use your home computer to access general library information, the library catalog and extensive on-line reference and research databases. That article (and all of the newsletters) can be found on-line on the Friends' website at

www.hawaiian.net/northshorelibrary.

Click the "Newsletters" link on the left side.

This time the focus is on a NEW service. The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) is now offering eBooks and Digital Audio Books for download over the internet to your home computer.

eBooks (electronic books) are digital versions of a book that you download and read on your personal computer. Digital Audio Books are audio files you download and listen to on your computer's speakers. eBooks work on both PCs and Macs. Digital audio books currently work only on PCs.

Once downloaded, both types can also be transferred to selected portable devices. eBooks can be viewed on PDAs (Personal Digital Assistants) and Smartphones. Digital Audio Books can be listened to on CD players (by burning the sound files to recordable CDs on your computer) and on portable music players supporting Windows Media format. At present that means just about any portable player, as long as it's NOT an Apple iPod!

All you need to access this service is an internet-connected home computer and a library card. Here's how...

Begin by opening your web browser and going to <http://www.librarieshawaii.org>. This is the Home Page for the State Library System. Notice the links along the top and left side of the page. Click on "E-Books & Digital Audio." For an essential overview of how the services work, be sure to look at the two links, "Information on how to download eBooks" and "Information on how to download Digital Audio Books."

Then click on the link <http://hawaii.lib.overdrive.com>. This takes you to the Library's Digital Book Home Page.

Specific software must be available on your computer to be able to access the files. For eBooks you need Adobe Reader (which is probably already on your machine). Audio Books require Windows Media Player and OverDrive's Media Console. The "Getting Started" link on the upper right corner of the Digital Book Home Page has instructions for installing anything you need. All the programs are free.

When you download an item to your computer it's like checking the item out at the library - except you don't have to worry about late fees! At the end of the 21 day loan period your book will be "returned" automatically and will no longer be readable on your computer. You should then delete the file to free up the space on your hard drive.

A maximum of 5 titles can be checked out at one time. Items that are not currently available for download can be reserved, and you will be notified by email when they are available for download.

The currently available collection of Audio Books and eBooks contains close to 5,000 titles. Listings can be viewed by subject, so it's easy to find all the available titles on a particular topic, as well as titles geared to a specific audience.

Hanalei Outreach Library

North Shore youth now have another way to find great books to read thanks to a new partnership between the Friends of the North Shore Library at Princeville and Hale Halawai 'Ohana 'O Hanalei. A new youth lending library made its debut at the Hanalei Community Center during an open house held on Saturday, February 18th.



Anne Schneider, Barbara Smith, Johanna Gomez, Naomi Yokotake, and Jennifer Relacion look over the books in the new Hanalei Outreach Library. Photo by Diane Chait.

Thanks to funding by the Friends group, the efforts of Barbara Smith in doing the preliminary leg work and purchasing the necessary shelving and supplies, and the job done by Lani Kawahara in selecting and purchasing materials, the library will offer children access to a hand picked selection of great books across all skill levels. The books are brand-new and well-built, intended to withstand years of enjoyment by young readers. Children will sign out their books using a supervised honor system. In addition, the library features a book swap, where children can recycle outgrown books of their own and share them with others.

As our Acting Librarian, Jennifer Relacion, has noted, "The Outreach program is a great opportunity for children of all ages to read. More importantly, having access to various books will help develop their individual interests and encourage them to seek new and exciting means of learning. The Outreach program will help create an avenue for children and their families to visit their local libraries, another useful tool in their educational environment."

The Friends are proud to be an integral part of this community endeavor, and are looking into the possibility of starting a similar project in Kilauea.

December Book Sale

Once again, our December book sale was a huge success, thanks to the generous help of a number of our volunteers, the contributions of books by our members, and the wonderful support of those of you who made purchases. We realized a profit of \$909.86 from this sale. Our thanks once again to Ann and Jack Schlager and their many helpers for a job well done!

The Book Sales are scheduled every three months, so mark your calendars. Friends members are allowed entrance to the sales one hour before the general public; so, members, be sure to get there early. If you are not already a member, here's another good reason to join – early access to the best books!

New Projection Screen

The Friends recently purchased a video projection screen for the library. It is a high quality 70'x70' tripod Da-Lite screen and should give years of service. Our guest speakers will be using it, and it will be available for movies and any other visual presentations that may take place at the library.

Speaker Program

Our Speaker Program got off to a jump start on January 11th, when Brenda Zuan, wildlife biologist for the Kilauea National Wildlife Refuge, presented a talk on the Laysan Albatross to an enthusiastic audience of over 170 people!



Photo by Diane Chait

With a focus on Hawaiiana and topics of local interest, the Speaker Program for 2006 will showcase members of our community sharing their expertise and their passions with us.

Scheduled for the **second Wednesday of every month** (except April and November when the library will have special events), the programs run **from 6:30 to 7:30 PM**. Flyers on upcoming events will be posted in the library, and they will also be announced in the community calendars of the local papers and radio stations. Please be sure to mark the dates to join us!

Birthday Bash!

It seems hard to believe, but our library will be celebrating its seventh anniversary in April! To mark this auspicious occasion we are planning a celebration to be held on **Saturday, April 22nd**. The festivities will start at 11:00 am with a chant and hula performances from our very own Naomi Yokotake and her Hula Halau 'o Hanalei.

Following the performance we will have a brief recognition of all of the wonderful volunteers and staff who have helped to make this library so successful. Then we will adjourn to the serious business of cutting

and eating the library's birthday cake! Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this happy event!

Wednesday, July 12th, 6:30-7:30 PM.
Brenda Zuan, "Kauai's Nene Geese"

2006 Friends' Calendar

Spring

BOOK SALE

Saturday, March 4th, 9-10 Members only and 10-4 open to public

SPEAKER PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 8th, 6:30-7:30 PM.

Dr. Mimi Olry, "The Hawaiian Monk Seal"

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 30th, 5:00 PM at the Library

CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL BOOK MONTH!

Saturday, April 22nd at the Library. We will celebrate National Book Month and the Library's 7th anniversary by having a volunteer recognition event, birthday cake, and special programs! See flyers in the library for more details.

SPEAKER PROGRAM

Wednesday, May 10th, 6:30-7:30 PM.

Kirby Guyer, "The Art of Hawaiian Lei Making"

Summer

BOOK SALE

Saturday, June 3rd, 9-10 Members only and 10-4: open to public

SPEAKER PROGRAM

Wednesday, June 14th, 6:30-7:30 PM.

Kilauea Point Natural History Association, "The Kilauea Lighthouse: Its History and Its Future"

SUMMER READING PROGRAM KICK-OFF

Mid June. Check for more information at the Library and/or volunteer to help with this great program for our keiki!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, July 11th, 5:00 PM at the Library

SPEAKER PROGRAM

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Wednesday, August 9th, 6:30-7:30 PM.

Tim Delavega and the Na Pali Coast Ohana, "Preserving the Na Pali Coast"

Fall

BOOK SALE

Saturday, September 9th, 9-10 Members only and 10-4 open to public

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 12th, 5:00 PM at the library.

SPEAKER PROGRAM

Wednesday, September 13th, 6:30-7:30 PM. To be announced.

SPEAKER PROGRAM

Wednesday, October 11th, 6:30-7:30 PM.

Brenda Zuan, "Newell's Shearwaters"

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

November. Mini Tale Spinners. Time and date to be announced.

Winter

GEN'L MTG. OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Saturday, December 2nd, 9:00 at the library

Election of Directors and Officers and 2007 Budget approval

BOOK SALE

Saturday, December 2nd, 9:30-10 Members only and 10-4 open to public



FRIENDS OF THE
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**The Friends of the North Shore Library at Princeville
Individual, Family, and Business Application**

YES! I want to become or remain a member this year (January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006)

- Individual** membership for **\$15** (suggested donation)
- Family** membership for **\$25** (suggested donation)
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- YES! I want to make an additional donation of \$_____**

***Total enclosed:** _____

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I would like to volunteer to assist with:

- Book sales
- Year-round book sale preparation
- Special projects
- Board of Directors
- Other

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