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Annual Meeting Announcement

January 24, 2012

10 A.M.

Kailua-Kona Library Lanai

For all members in good standing to conduct any business that may be introduced.

Our officers and Board Members of 2011 who will continue to serve next year are:

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President's Message

By Pamela Wang

Once again, my stellar board of directors has performed so well that our entire organization is glowing and growing. As always, we must acknowledge that without help from our lustrous community of committed volunteers, we could neither aspire to our goals, nor in fact succeed so brilliantly.

I repeat: Stellar Performance.

This year saw the completion of the closure of Holualoa Library. The local librarians were

able to get first dibs on the books there, particularly those in the Hawaiiana section. This helps ensure that those special books remain in our local community. After sorting through the many volumes, the culled books were offered to F.O.L.K. Some of those books have already made their way to our lanai book sales, and some will be placed on e-Bay or Amazon.com.

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President's Message Continued

Some of the components of the circulation desk, paid for several years ago by F.O.L.K., have transitioned to Kealahou. Stop by and see them in situ.

This year also marks two years with Kipapa Kahelahela as Acting Branch Manager of the Kealahou Library. F.O.L.K. has proudly sponsored the purchase of a Dewey Decimal rug and bean bags for the children's area, making it a well-used nook for young readers and their moms. We also funded a new African mahogany book shelf to display all the NEW books that Kipapa keeps adding to the collection. We are grateful to Kipapa for working with us, helping us spend the money we earn in ways that will enhance the library. In the works is a new circulation desk. The old circ desk has been cobbled together with rolling book carts. It lacks knee space, kick space, hidey holes and many other useful parts. The new one will seek to blend in with the rest of the wood in the library. It will also be much more functional, with all of the branch staff weighing in on what would make it work best, as well as offering ADA accessibility. We naively thought this would be as easy as it was in Holualoa. We are proceeding step by step in accordance with all state requirements, and look forward to making this dream come true.

Both libraries will see new computers this coming year, so F.O.L.K. has been involved with purchasing computer desks. We have funded more shelving as well. See if you can spot them.

As you learn about our income from book sales and grants and individual donations, you may wonder what else we plan to do with our money. High on our list after upgrading Kealahou's work station, is carpeting for the Kailua Kona Branch. This coming year, the library will celebrate another Leap Year Birthday. If we only count leap years, then, as Irene Horvath explained: the branch is only 5 years old. But the reality is, this will mark the 20th year. The carpeting really needs to be changed. There are lots of ripples and unsightly areas. Look at it, and you will surely agree! We are considering doing what the Waimea library did, with carpet squares, but first, we need to do a few more book sales. You might ask WHY something this important is not provided by the state library system. The Kailua Kona branch has been on a long list for many years and does not appear to be getting any closer to the top. So this is another dream we want to make come true.

As you read about our programs, be thinking about performers or speakers you have met or heard, and let us know who you think would be a great addition to our slate for next year. Look around the library and see the things we have provided with your help. There are new books, magazines, reference material and DVDs. Check out the things we have added to the children's room and the teen area. We funded craft programs and the Summer Reading Program. Plus we have a new cashier's tent at the book sales to give more room to our larger book sales. We have lots of ideas, but don't always have the human power to put all of them into action. Nevertheless, we've been busy and we hope to continue providing valuable equipment and programs to our libraries to better serve our public audience. We value your input and you can contact us on our website. As always, if you, or anyone you know, could volunteer a few hours of your time for any of our many projects, it would be greatly appreciated!

Pamela Wang



READ ALOUD PROGRAM

BOOKS ARE BUILDING BLOCKS

**A FREE MONTHLY READ ALOUD AT
THE LIBRARY LITERACY PROGRAM
FOR FAMILIES**



**Presented by Friends
of the Libraries, Kona
on the first Tuesday
of each month from
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM at
the Kailua Kona
Library**

- Encourage Family Literacy
- Separate Reading Groups
Grades K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
7+ and Parents
- Incentive Prizes
- Books
- Free Refreshments
- Parents Must Participate with
Their Children

SCHEDULE

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM Registration in front of the library
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Families grouped by age with a reader
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Refreshments on the lanai

Membership News

By Alice Goo

F.O.L.K. has reached well over 200 members which is a historical marker. But now we would like to reach even greater heights and you can help F.O.L.K. attain this goal.

Most people I have talked to really know the Libraries are the first to feel financial cuts the State must make to balance its budget. They also support the Library system even when they don't use it frequently. That's the object of F.O.L.K., to raise funds to give to our two libraries in West Hawaii.

So we are asking you to talk to your friends, neighbors, anybody and encourage them to join F.O.L.K. which is an important supporter of our local library system. Joining F.O.L.K. is not a commitment to attend meetings or anything else but of course we encourage volunteering especially with our sales if you are interested. Also, a healthy donation/membership fee is a strong statement of support.

F.O.L.K. not only gives money to the Libraries for circulation materials and equipment, it brings wonderful programs to the community, sponsors reading programs for families, brings children to the library to see the wonderful things available to them, and many other worthwhile activities.

Giving a membership to F.O.L.K. as a Christmas present to someone who has everything is one way to start spreading the word about joining F.O.L.K. and remember members get a 20% discount at our popular lanai book sales.

MEMBERSHIP FORM: FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES, KONA

Mail this form and your *check* to: F.O.L.K., 75-138 Hualalai Road, Kailua-Kona, HI 96740
or apply online using *PayPal* or *credit card* www.folkhawaii.com

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E Mail: _____

New Member

Renewal

Change in contact info

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS:

Check One:

\$ 10.00 Student or Senior (55 or over)

\$ 20.00 Individual

\$ 30.00 Family

Additional donations are appreciated.

Free tote bag with donation of \$50 or more

Membership and Donations to F.O.L.K. are

TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

VOLUNTEER AND ACTIVITY INTERESTS

- Book Sales (presorting, lobby, lanai)
- Flyers/Newsletter/Publicity
- Book Club (monthly at Kailua-Kona)
- Program Introductions/Promotions
- I Would Like to Present a Program
- Charity Tree Decorations (Oct-Dec)
- Read Aloud Program
- Other _____

The Kona Library Book Club

By Barbara Sosna

The Kona Library Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of every month unless the library is closed for a holiday. We meet on the lanai of the library at 11:00 AM.

Our Tuesday meetings continue to be well attended as we reach new highs every year.

This year our selections are more varied than ever before. We encourage those who have never attended to do so. Come and join in the fun and stimulating discussions.

Each year we feature a local author. Our guest author Darien Gee will be with us in October. She is a national best-selling author and we will be reading and discussing her latest book "Friendship Bread."

Light refreshments are served.

Thanks to all who have attended our meetings this year. You make our meetings so pleasant and memorable with all your enthusiasm.

Here is the list of books for 2012

Jan	The Happiness Project by Gretchen Rubin
Feb	What the Dog Saw by Malcolm Gladwell
Mar	Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson
Apr	Room by Emma Donoghue
May	The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson
Jun	Lost in Shangri-La by Mitchell Zuckoff
Jul	The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
Aug	NO MEETING
Sep	The Imperfectionists by Tom Rachman
Oct	Friendship Bread by Darien Gee Guest Author
Nov	Paris Wife by Paula McLain
Dec	Life and Times of Lucy Thurston by Lucy Thurston



Books for Sale in the Library
Lobby Everyday

Check Out our Special Pricing
on High Quality Books

Ways and Means Report

By Ken Guerra

Mahalo O Nui Loa

to all of you who participated in this year's F.O.L.K. book sales as either a volunteer or a customer, and oftentimes, as both. To all of you who volunteered in any capacity, know that the book sales could not have been successfully staged without your support. And to all of you who purchased the many thousands of books that the volunteers put together, know that your contributions set yet another benchmark, increasing sales by an impressive 22% over last year.

The combined Lanai and Lobby Sales generated a new record of \$25,000, up from \$19,600 in 2010.

These funds are directed exclusively to support Kona and Kealahou library programs. During these times of budget and program cuts and general economic belt tightening, your contributions make possible needed upgrades for the libraries that otherwise simply would not happen. Sorry, didn't intend to have this sound like a spiel for PBS Pledge Week! But I can't express enough our gratitude for your overwhelming support for our local libraries and the great programs and products they are able to offer their communities.

Again, a truly heartfelt thank you to all you volunteers. And I would like to give special recognition and appreciation to the "pit" crew, without whose tireless and constant dedication, the book sales simply wouldn't be happening. THANK YOU Marie, Lois, Vince, Anne, Clear, Julie, Harriet, Lee. YOU ROCK!

I don't know how much higher we can continue to raise the bar, but the stage has been set and the challenge has been offered. With continued volunteer input and support we can look forward to another stellar year for our libraries.

Our libraries are so important to our communities that I would be remiss in not recognizing the librarians and staff of both Kona and Kealahou for their tremendous efforts in creating a satisfying, comfortable, safe and educational environment for us to enjoy. It is a pleasure working with the staffs of both libraries to upgrade their physical plants and develop and promote new and exciting programs.

Thank you all and here's to a great new year.

HAU'OLI MAKAHIKI HOU

2012 Book Sales

2nd Saturday of the Month

January 14th

February 11th

March 10th

April 14th

May 12th

June 9th

July 14th

August NO SALE

September 8th

October 20th SPECIAL DATE DUE

TO IRONMAN TRIATHLON

November 17th

December NO SALE

Treasurer's Report

By Barbara Isley

As of the end of November, our assets are \$54,256. Income so far this year amounts to \$30,322. Grants and donations were down considerably from 2010 but our book sale income was up. In the past we have been able to earn several hundred dollars a year from our investment in certificates of deposit. Given the current economy, we have only earned \$245 this year. With that in mind, the Board invested \$20,000 in a shared endowment fund maintained by Friends of the Library, Hawaii. Hopefully this long term investment will have better growth than C.D.s and will enable us to take on bigger projects in the future.

Total expenses are \$23,212. Administrative Distributions, which include the Read Aloud Program for family literacy and the Friendly Bus Program, amounted to \$8,005 and Library Assistance was \$15,207. Our ability to maintain a healthy financial situation, while providing the libraries with every assistance they have requested, rests primarily with the success of our book sales. In 2011 the everyday lobby sale and the 10 Lanai Sales have constituted over 80% of our total income. Our gratitude and appreciation to the volunteers who call themselves the "Pit Crew" can't be overstated. Without their hard work sorting, culling and stacking the shelves with donated books our financial condition and our ability to support the libraries would be greatly diminished.

I'll be giving a complete financial report for the year at the annual meeting and hope to see many of you there.

Charity Trees at Mauna Lani

By Joyce Kimball

We hope you visited the Mauna Lani to view all the beautiful trees on display for Christmas.

F.O.L.K. entered a tree in the competition titled "**Fishing for a Good Read**" with handmade ornaments of fish and bamboo poles hooking books. We were celebrating our sponsorship of the libraries and encouragement of reading.

Special thanks goes out to Helen Hughes-Verma and Blanche Gouveia for their efforts in creating this project.



Program News

By Barbara Hussey

In the spring of 2011, I was delighted to become the new Program Director for F.O.L.K. Some of the programs presented...Becoming a Foster Parent, Sakura Ensemble, Teaching Tea, Olga Salvatore's Mariachi Duo, Arneleo the Magician, The Traveling Jewish Wedding Band and ending the calendar year with a Celtic Holiday Celebration was a culmination of joyful and widely assorted programs provided to our F.O.L.K. members and the general public. As 2012 is rapidly approaching, we are already preparing for the Damron Dance Tap Group (January), Casablanca Brass Ensemble (February), and John Keawe (March). I am always looking for new presenters and program ideas. I would appreciate all suggestions and your feed- back about past performances, too. Contact me, Barb Hussey, at MHussey@hawaii.rr.com.....Anytime! Mahalo and I hope to see all of you during the upcoming year.

Our Generous Contributors

Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude goes out to these generous 2011 F.O.L.K. donors:

Jeffrey and Mary Nelson
Friends of the Library, Hawaii
Foodland's Give Aloha

And to the friends of Katherine M. Parker for their donation to the Kailua Kona Public Library

DOES F.O.L.K. HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

Please send your email address to us at FOLK@folkhawaii.com
This is the best way for us to communicate with our members and provide you with our monthly newsletter of upcoming events.

Kealakekua News

By Kipapa Kahelahela, Acting Branch Manager



Kealakekua Public Library has experienced another prosperous year, thanks in large part to generous support from the Friends of the Libraries, Kona. Hosting engaging programs at the library facilitates community involvement and helps to promote library services. In the spring, juvenile patrons loved the science and astronomy interactive presentation, while adults were soothed by Sakura Ensemble's classical tunes. We also hosted the Day of the Dead program for all ages in the fall. Our Summer Reading Program is by far the largest state-wide programming event in the Hawaii State Public Library System. We were able to purchase dozens of epic reading incentives for kids and adults who came out in large numbers to participate in the myriad programs that we offered at the library.

F.O.L.K. is always there for us when Kealakekua Public Library needs supplies not available on our order lists. Mahalo for helping us purchase office supplies, a new office chair, a Christmas wreath, and craft supplies for class visits. In addition, our patrons may now enjoy eight new magazine subscriptions, including Vogue, Sports Illustrated and Otaku (for young adults). As a public library, books are what we specialize in and F.O.L.K. provided the library with a hefty Amazon book fund to buy bestsellers, patron-requested items or simply to replace a well-circulated popular

DVD. Even that old gnarly ficus tree, which was overtaking our parking lot and causing damage to a stone wall, was finally cut down and hauled away through F.O.L.K.'s long reach at the library.

When staff decided to rearrange shelving in the kids' area to create a larger reading space for our juvenile patrons, we acquired all this open floor space, which was quickly made irresistible with three beanbag chairs and a colorful/educational Dewey Decimal circular floor rug. The only problem now is getting the kids to not dive head first into the beanbag chairs from across the library! The best part is seeing a child sitting in a parent's lap, nestled in a large beanbag chair, lost in a favorite book.

Last, but by no means least, is the incredible support from local F.O.L.K. members who volunteer at the library during Count Week in October and help out with taking withdrawn items down to Kailua-Kona branch for the book sales. Mahalo nui loa to these individuals who freely and joyfully give us their time and energy. We do appreciate it.

Our recently hired permanent library assistant, Beth Ambriel, succinctly sums up how important F.O.L.K. is to Kealakekua Public Library: "Friends of the Libraries Kona rocks! The support helps us to continue doing our jobs without any pauses for 'oh no, we need....!' So many of our needs are met with F.O.L.K. Our patrons are enjoying the newly constructed custom mahogany bookshelf, which displays our new items, and replaces the old (and I mean old!) book troughs. We are fortunate indeed. Thanks F.O.L.K!"

The most meaningful part is that all of this is delivered with kindness and a spirit of support. Yes, 2011 has been a prosperous year, indeed!

Kailua Kona Library

By Irene Horvath, Kailua Kona Head Librarian Irene Horvath



2011 has been a busy year for libraries. All libraries in the state received new public internet computers thanks to a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Opportunity Online and new staff computers thanks to the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program stimulus grants. In spite of the major work interruptions due to the installation of all this hardware, Kailua-Kona Library was able to take advantage of F.O.L.K.'s generosity in the funding of programs and miscellaneous grants to make the job of serving our public easier.

Thanks to F.O.L.K., the library hosted a variety of programs, including the Sakura Ensemble, the Traveling Jewish Wedding Band, the Kona Celtic Connection, slack key artist John Keawe, Olga Salvatore, Ken Love, Clear Englebert, and the Magic of Arnelo.

F.O.L.K. funding paid for music CD's for young adults, Bill Nye the Science Guy DVD's for children, purchases from Amazon for the adult collection, incentives and decorations for the Summer Reading Program for children, young adults, and adults, a new computer table, and a Christmas tree for the lobby. In addition, discretionary funds allotted to each library by F.O.L.K. paid for a variety of items from bookmarks and posters to lock repairs.

F.O.L.K. funding and volunteers continued to enrich the library and the community with the once a month Read Aloud family literacy program and the Friendly Bus, which is available to bring each and every 2nd grader in the Kona area to the library for an orientation, library card, and story time. Money for all these activities is raised by grant writing and book sales. Dozens of dedicated F.O.L.K. volunteers work tirelessly to help with these different projects. In addition, F.O.L.K. members volunteer in the library shelving and mending books. Thanks from the Kailua-Kona Library staff to F.O.L.K. and all its members who make these benefits available to us and to the community.

The Friendly Bus



Friends of the Libraries, Kona (F.O.L.K.) provides bus transportation for second grade students in Kona elementary schools to visit the library. On the visit the Children's Librarian will take the students on a tour, provide a story hour and help them receive their library cards.

F.O.L.K. SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Policy

It is the policy of F.O.L.K. to annually award a scholarship to a student attending the University of Hawaii for the purpose of obtaining a Masters in Library and Information Sciences (M.L.I.S. degree). The amount of the scholarship will be \$1,000 unless the board adopts a different amount.

F.O.L.K. Scholarship Committee: Scholarship committee is three board members appointed by the President. The committee will review applications and award the scholarship. Awards determined from the written information. No personal interviews will be conducted. A scholarship committee member must disqualify self if a relative applies for the scholarship. The scholarship committee chair will notify board members and applicants of the committee's decision by June 1.

Criteria for determining scholarship

- Hawaii State Resident, preference to Hawaii Island resident
- MLIS candidate at University of Hawaii
- Grades and candidate's written statement

Application - required information:

- Completed application form - available on F.O.L.K. website
- Personal letter describing applicant's objectives and reasons for pursuing a library career that would be helpful for the committee award the scholarship.
- Signed Scholarship Policy Statement
- Official transcripts of undergraduate work and any graduate work completed
- Two letters of recommendation by person's who know applicant and are not related to applicant sent directly to the F.O.L.K. Scholarship Committee.

Policy statement - See Friends of the Libraries, Kona Policy Statement

Application deadline - April 30 - Applications will be accepted during the month of April.

Publicity: All scholarship information will be posted on the F.O.L.K. website including the application forms and policy statement. Send F.O.L.K. scholarship information and link to the UH financial aid website and UH department of Library and Information Sciences. Announce and attach application to F.O.L.K. website, and send press releases to the West Hawaii Today, and other press release outlets.

Scholarship awarded by June 1.

Responsibilities of Awardees: Provide picture of award recipients for F.O.L.K. publicity. Keep in touch with F.O.L.K. at graduation and when receive at least first professional position. Return entire award within two years after leaving the program if candidate does not graduate within three years. Attend a F.O.L.K. annual meeting if available if possible.



Friends of the Libraries, Kona (F.O.L.K.)

Scholarship Policy Statement

Friends of the Libraries, Kona is offering scholarships to men and women pursuing a Master's degree in Library Science at the University of Hawai'i. Applications are available online and are accepted annually in April. Scholarships are awarded each year by June 1.

PURPOSE

To provide financial assistance to students who are currently enrolled in the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies, University of Hawai'i, or who have been accepted for enrollment for the fall semester. Those enrolled through the HITS program must so state.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Be a resident of the State of Hawai'i. Preference given to Hawaii Island residents.
2. Be enrolled in the Library and Information Science Program or accepted for the fall semester.

Application Deadline

In order to be considered for a scholarship, applicant must complete and submit all required materials by April 30, 2012.

Required Materials

1. Friends of the Library, Kona Scholarship Application Form
2. Personal letter describing your objectives and clearly establishing your reasons for pursuing a library career. This should include any information you feel would be helpful to the Committee in considering your need for scholarship assistance. (Personal letter must be attached to application form.)
3. Signed Scholarship Policy Statement
4. Two letters of recommendation from persons other than family members who know you well and can comment on your character, ability, and potential success in librarianship. Please have the letters sent directly to Friends of the Libraries, Kona Scholarship Committee, Kailua-Kona Public Library, 75-138 Hualalai Rd., Kailua-Kona, HI 96740.
5. Official transcripts of undergraduate work and any graduate work completed.

General Information

The Scholarship Committee will review applications in May. Applicants will be contacted by email or by phone if more information is required. Please be sure to include a contact number for the month of May.

Awards will be made on the basis of scholarship, character, and financial need.

Scholarship awardees will be notified by the mid June.

In the event you are awarded a scholarship:

1. Checks for scholarships will be forwarded to winners upon receipt of a photo suitable for reproduction. Passport type "head shot" at least 2"x 2". Good quality jpeg photo is preferred.

2. The Committee expects the recipients of the scholarships to keep in touch with the Committee by reporting on progress at school and contemplated placement after graduation. The Committee would appreciate the recipient's attendance at the Friends Annual Meeting held in January if recipient resides on Hawaii Island and the meeting time does not conflict with class attendance.

3. If the recipient does not graduate from library school within three years after receipt of the scholarship, the entire amount reverts to a loan and must be repaid within two years after last attendance at school.

All information presented will be held in strictest confidence.

Please sign and return this policy statement to indicate acceptance of the above specifications and conditions.

Signature

Date

The Friends of the Libraries, Kona Scholarship Application form may be obtained from the F.O.L.K. website or submit a written request to:

Friends of the Libraries, Kona
75-138 Hualalai Road
Kailua Kona, HI 96745



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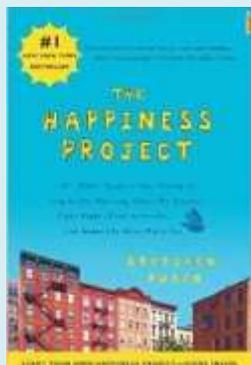
(FREE service to all HSPLS patrons)

The HSPLS HI Tech Academy is a comprehensive and technical education program designed to provide the people of Hawaii with access to in-demand software and technical skills to improve their personal development and professional advancement. The primary goal of these digital resources is to equip Hawaii's people to participate and succeed in the 21st century workforce.

The Academy features e-learning, software licenses, and official Microsoft course materials, which will enable users to qualify and acquire Microsoft Office Specialist or Certified Professional Certifications.

HSPLS is the first library system in the world to launch a Microsoft IT Academy, being free to all its library patrons. Funding for the HI Tech Academy is provided by the Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

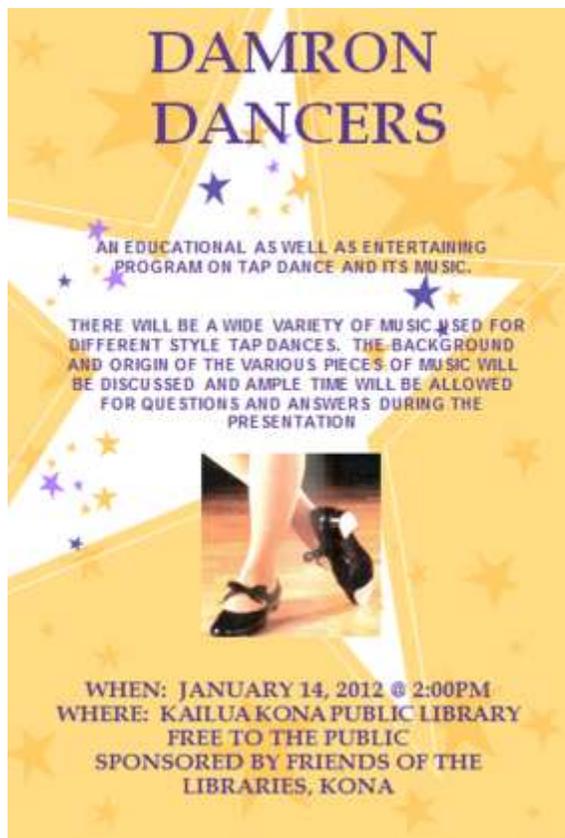
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Kona Library
Book Club
January 24, 2012
Kailua Kona Library Lanai

Immediately following the
F.O.L.K. Annual Meeting

We encourage all members to attend and hear how we support our libraries. We are always looking for new people to add to our illustrious Board. Come and listen and then raise your hands and volunteer to work with us.



"Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation."

Walter Cronkite
Broadcaster

Looking for a Few Good Friends

If you have an interest in being more involved with F.O.L.K., its programs and our support of the libraries, please contact us. The libraries need friends more than ever. Check out our website at www.folkhawaii.com and select the volunteer tab.

We are especially looking for a program director for our monthly Read Aloud Program (mostly this involves coordination of existing volunteers) and backup library program introducers. We are very flexible in accommodating schedules and performance of duties so please let us know if you would like to participate.

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.folkhawaii.com

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