

That new friendly face helping you check out books at the front desk of the Kailua-Kona Library is Julia Riley, who joined the Library staff as circulation manager in March. A native of Oakland, California, Julia, 28, holds a Master of Library and Information Sciences degree from San Jose State University, graduating in June of last year. While earning her degree she worked for several years at the Oakland Library as a liaison in the social services department, managing volunteers doing food distribution. She relocated from Oakland to Kona last year, volunteering at the Kailua-Kona Library before being recently hired for her present position, which includes managing the all-important front-of-the-house circulation desk along with a wide range of clerical duties. Julia enjoys a variety of arts-related pastimes, including *pyrography*, the art or technique of using a heated metal pen is to burn wood or leather, leaving behind a decorative pattern. Welcome Julia!

