

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY OF HAWAI'I

*Annual Meeting*  
with presentation of the  
*Librarian of the Year*  
and  
*Excellence in Service*  
*Awards*



Thursday, February 15, 2018 ♦ 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. ♦ Hawai'i State Library, 478 S. King St.

## Awardees . . .

**Librarian of the Year** Curt Fukumoto  
Kāne'ohe Public Library

**Excellence in Service Staff Member** Hye Kyung Choe  
McCully-Mō'ili'ili Public Library

**Volunteers of the Year** Valrie Griffith  
El Burson  
Richard Burson

Mark your calendar to attend the Friends of the Library of Hawai'i Annual Meeting and the presentation of the 2017 Librarian of the Year and Excellence in Service Awards.

A short business meeting will include presentation of the slate of officers and directors.

The award ceremony will follow and will include a presentation of the Friends of the Library of Hawai'i - Volunteer of the Year Awards.

*Music by Kevin Inn*

Refreshments to include pupus, desserts, coffee, and tea.

Sponsored in part by **Liliha Bakery & Native Books, Nā Mea Hawai'i**



Please join us . . .

Please RSVP by February 13, 2018 to (808) 536.4174 or [admin@friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org](mailto:admin@friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org).

*Registration form on page two.*

## Friends of the Library of Hawai'i Directors and Trustees

Directors Marlene Booth  
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### Proposed Slate of Officers for 2018

President Lynnae Lee  
Vice President Maia Rosen  
Treasurer Colin Lee  
Secretary Kathy Fay

### Nominees for Board of Directors

Jane Dickson Tabitha Mitchell  
Lynnae Lee Alan Yamamoto

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Our thanks to  
retiring director, Rebecca Nadler  
and the dedicated service of the  
Boards of Directors, Trustees, and to  
all FLH Volunteers.



**Native Books Nā Mea Hawai'i** joins the Friends of the Library of Hawai'i once again as a sponsor for the 2017 Librarian of the Year and Excellence in Service Program.

This beautiful kama'āina store located in Ward Center features local products including clothes, jewelry, original works of art, and books.

Owner Maile Meyer, will present a gift certificate to the Librarian of the Year & Excellence in Service winners at the FLH Annual Meeting.

Mahalo!

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## Annual Meeting Reservation

Please list names of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 per person = Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to Friends of the Library of Hawai'i

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Credit card reservations may be placed by phone: 536-4174. Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting but would like to cast a vote on the slate of officers and directors, please sign the form below authorizing a member of the FLH Board to cast a proxy vote in your name. This form must be received no later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

The vote of \_\_\_\_\_ (member's name) may be cast by proxy by: \_\_\_\_\_

Lynnae Lee, President    Maia Rosen, Vice-President    Kathy Fay, Secretary    Colin Lee, Treasurer

APPROVE SLATE OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS    YES    NO

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Congratulations to . . .



## Librarian of the Year 2017

**Curt Fukumoto** has dedicated the last 24 years to librarianship, working at branches across O'ahu. He is currently the Children's Librarian at Kāne'ōhe Public Library.

Fukumoto is known as "Uncle Curt" and enjoys creating programs to bring his community to the library. His storytimes are very popular and interactive. In 2017, 4,800 patrons attended Uncle Curt's storytimes and over 12,000 patrons participated in Kāne'ōhe programs such as Lego Club, Chess Days, Robotics, Pokémon Go, and more!

Fukumoto also finds time to volunteer with FLH!

## Excellence in Service 2017

**Hye Kyung Choe** has worked at the McCully-Mō'ili'ili Public Library branch since 2007 and has moved from a part-time substitute position to a now full-time Library Technician V. Prior to working at HSPLS, Choe worked as a civilian employee of the U.S. Armed Forces as the Branch Manager of the Camp Stanley Library in Korea.

Choe has been integral to the doubling of the HSPLS Korean collections. She is currently working on cataloguing the collection in traditional Korean characters for ease of use for her community and as a bilingual employee, she is an important part of the McCully team.

## FLH volunteers of the Year 2017 – Listed from L to R

**Valrie Griffith** grew up in California, traveled throughout the Pacific, and made her home in Hawai'i. Griffith worked in accounting and office management. She has managed the FLH re-donation program for 8-years, finding homes for books that are reusable but not salable. She particularly enjoys providing children's books to other organizations that include Shriners, prison libraries, hospitals, and numerous overseas projects. Valrie also volunteers in the Books @ Mark's bookstore, at Central Union Church, and at the Women's Board of Missions.

**Richard (Dick) & El Burson** have volunteered for FLH since they retired. El was a Math Teacher and retired in 1997. Through their relative, Caroline Bond, who was the FLH Executive Director at that time, El started volunteering. Dick followed soon after when he retired as the IT Manager at Dole Food Company. The Burson's are long-time windward residents and fill their time volunteering. They also volunteer filing plant specimens in the Botany Department of Bishop Museum and helping with plant sales at Lyon Arboretum. It's no surprise that El is the pricer for the Gardening section. Dick is the pricer for the Biography section for FLH.

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Annual Meeting Newsletter February 2018

*A message from our  
State Librarian,  
Stacey Aldrich . . .*



Aloha and Happy New Year!

In my first year on the job, I visited all 50 branches of the Hawai'i State Public Library System. I had a chance to see the libraries, talk with staff, and learn more about our diverse communities across 6 islands. This past year, I began working for a full day in multiple branches across the State. It has been a wonderful opportunity to see all of the great services and programs that staff offer each day, and also talk with the public. There has not been a single visit, when someone did not thank me for the public library. For many community members, they were grateful for access to so many books to read, access to the internet, and having resources that their families could enjoy together.

Each day, our libraries are a place for the grandma who just got a kindle to learn how to download an e-book, the person who is job searching to get help applying online, and families who want their children to be ready for school and bring them to weekly story times. And our libraries are places where people can connect to the world through free Wi-Fi access (especially important for those without internet at home) or just by sitting and reading the morning paper.

Our public libraries are truly community hubs where we are connecting to information, ideas, to learning opportunities, and with each other.

I am grateful to all of the Friends of the Hawai'i State Public Library System! Your time and support ensure that we can continue to grow our services and programs to meet the ever-changing needs of our communities.

I look forward to working with you all in 2018 to continue to build the best library system for all those who call Hawai'i home. Mahalo!

