Library Preserves Rare Ryukyu Scrolls

A 296 year-old Ryukyu scroll is at its midpoint towards full restoration thanks to the collaborative efforts of the UH Mānoa Library and the National Museum of Japanese History. Recognizing the cultural significance of the scroll, the National Museum has agreed to pay for half of the scroll’s restoration in exchange for the opportunity to create an on-line exhibit and a museum quality replica to add to their own collection. The scroll, “Procession of Ryukyuans En route to Edo Castle,” (2 pieces totaling 65 feet in length) is part of the Sakamaki/Hawley Ryukyu/Okinawa Collection of the Japan Collection at Hamilton Library. The Hawai’i portion of the restoration cost is $14,000, which has been raised from private donations.

When completed in 2007, the restored ancient scroll will be returned to Hawai’i, along with its digital images. The scroll will be available for community viewing, exhibitions, and research. Until now the scroll’s condition has been too fragile to allow it to be handled.

There are three rare scrolls in the Sakamaki/Hawley Collection which the Library hopes to restore and make accessible to the community in the next few years. The first of these was restored and exhibited this past fall. The National Museum is now

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From the University Library Administrative Team

Since the flood of October 2004, the Library’s faculty and staff have committed themselves to restoring our collections and services, while enhancing and improving both Hamilton and Sinclair Libraries for the UH Mānoa and greater Hawai‘i communities. We still have a long road ahead, and we are sincerely grateful to the many friends and volunteers who continue to cheer and encourage us throughout this on-going process.

In the Spring 2006 semester we solicited and received unprecedented levels of student and faculty feedback on Library services and physical space. In a March budget-related survey, we received over 400 student and faculty responses. We also hosted “YourSpace@thelibrary,” a casual forum for student and faculty input on future physical design and services in the Library. Students requested longer hours, more comfortable seating, climate control, inviting group study spaces, and the expansion of wireless internet access throughout all of our buildings.

Finally, in April we emailed invitations to 2,100 UH Mānoa faculty and students to provide feedback on Library quality and service via LibQUAL+(TM) an international assessment instrument hosted by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL). Respondents identified the need for more research journals, more online journals, more opportunities for students and faculty to learn about online resources, and increased library hours.

In each of these surveys and forums, students and faculty requested extended Library hours. Sinclair Library responded to the community demand this semester by opening their 1st floor study area until midnight, Sundays through Thursdays. Meanwhile, the State Legislature, in response to the University’s request, contributed half of the funds necessary to offer 24-hour access to Hamilton Library. The Office of the Chancellor then agreed to match the Legislature’s funding. As a result, we look forward to commencing 24-Hour access Sundays through Thursdays, at Hamilton Library in mid-November. We are grateful to the UH Mānoa undergraduate and graduate student organizations for their advocacy and support for this service.

With over one hundred and fifty faculty and staff members, the Library has numerous committees working on simultaneous projects to address our communities’ requests. One such committee completed re-designing the main Library website in August. The new site (http://library.manoa.hawaii.edu) offers our patrons more streamlined and student-friendly access to the Library’s numerous research resources.

With such hard-working and dedicated faculty and staff, we eagerly look forward to finding creative and cost-effective ways to meet the ever growing needs of both the UH Mānoa and greater Hawai‘i communities. We are grateful to everyone who has given us input, support and encouragement as we build a library of the future.

-The UH Mānoa Library Administrative Team: Paula Mochida, Bob Schwarzwalder & Gregg Geary

To learn about other community-oriented Library projects and services, email: uhmlibpr@hawaii.edu or call 956-9932.

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Paula Mochida Returns as Associate University Librarian

After seven years coordinating statewide distance learning for all ten UH campuses, Paula Mochida returned to the Library as Associate University Librarian for Administration and Public Services in January.

“When I left the Library in 1998 I had no intention of returning,” Mochida said. “It has been a giant leap of faith for both the Library and myself, and I am excited and challenged by what lies ahead.”

“I taught the Library’s first credit course in 1979 and one of my goals is to reinvigorate the information literacy program within the UH curriculum. In an increasingly internet-driven age, it is vital that students know how to effectively and responsibly find, evaluate and use information; the Library is the best source for this training.”

Mochida began working at UHM in 1974 as a reference librarian, and eventually served as Head of Sinclair Library. During 24 years at the Library, Mochida established the Wong Audiovisual Center, initiated the original CLIC (Computer Learning Information Center) Lab in Sinclair, coordinated remote library access and instructional services for UH Mānoa students and faculty throughout the state, and served as the first editor of Ke Kūkīni.

Mochida also aims to maximize the use of technologies to enhance services and information access for Library patrons, and is keenly aware of the Library’s space and function on campus. “It is imperative that we effectively use our space for student-centered learning, and that we are able to maintain our facilities to responsibly steward our wonderful collections.”

-Jonelle Sage, Development & Communications Assistant
working on the second scroll, and with an additional $13,000 in donations, the third scroll, a 335 year-old piece, “Procession of Prince Kin, Ryukyuan Envoy,” can be fully restored as well.

In 1961 the University of Hawai‘i, with support from the Hawai‘i Okinawan community, helped acquire these precious Ryukyu/Okinawa scrolls.

To support the Ryukyu Scroll Restoration Project or for more information, please contact Tokiko Bazzell at 956-2335 or email tokiko@hawaii.edu. Thank you for helping UH preserve this important part of the Ryukyu/Okinawa cultural heritage!

- Tokiko Bazzell, Japan Specialist Librarian, Asia Collection

“Combat Chaplain” Documents WWII Experience, Library to Receive Original Papers

Israel Yost gave up his position as pastor of a small Lutheran congregation near Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on February 1, 1943 to serve his country in the U.S. Army. His assignment was to serve as chaplain to the 100th Infantry Battalion during the final years of WWII in Italy and France. *Combat Chaplain: The Personal Story of the World War II Chaplain of the Japanese American 100th Battalion* is Yost’s autobiographical account of his time in the Army. He vividly portrays the powerful camaraderie of the Japanese American soldiers and the intense hardships they faced during that infamous chapter of our nation’s history. The book is being published by UH Press.

On Sunday, September 10th the Library hosted “Their Legacy of Service”, an event to remember the combat chaplains of the 100th Battalion (Yost), and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team (Hiro Higuchi and Masao Yamada). The event also celebrated the release of *Combat Chaplain*, and honored the Yost, Higuchi, and Yamada families’ gifts of the chaplains’ memoirs and personal papers to the Library’s Japanese American Veterans Collection (JAVC).

Diane Perushek, University Librarian stated: “We are grateful to Monica Yost and her family for entrusting the University of Hawai‘i with their father’s papers. The donation will complement the papers of Chaplain Higuchi and the other materials in the JAVC, providing valuable source materials for historians and students of this important period of our history. The chaplains’ position in the military is a unique perspective, and we are honored to have been entrusted with such a valuable gift.”

- Dana Myers, UH Foundation, Director of Development for Libraries
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Hoffman, UH Associate Professor, following her presentation, “When Hairy Girls First Appeared at Court.” The lecture was drawn from her upcoming book, *Phantasms of the Feminine: Anomalous Bodies, Monstrous Narrations in Western Culture.*


“Whether someone picks up an article or a book they might not have read, contemplates going back to school to take a course, or just enjoys a Saturday morning talking about current research in any field, the University is doing what I think it should do for the community; helping make it a more intellectually stimulating place to live,” said Hoffman.

“The Library is the perfect venue to showcase the work of University affiliated researchers and authors,” said Rutter, who created and implemented the series in 2004. “This space is not only for research, it is a community space as well. UH faculty and researchers are doing wonderful and interesting work, and they need more opportunities to present their material. That’s what the Library hopes to provide.”

Rutter looks forward to expanding Saturday Morning Authors in the fall 2006 semester to incorporate more UH departments. “The Spring 2006 series included topics on literature, dance, history and oceanography, and I’d like to keep featuring different topics and speakers.”

Rutter had hoped to film the lectures this semester, and to make them accessible to the public through the Library website, but limited funds have delayed that service. The Library hopes to find a partner to support this project for the fall 2006 semester.

The series was held in the Eugene Tsun Choy Yap Conference Room, which includes state of the art audio-visual equipment so speakers were able to incorporate multimedia into their presentations. Saturday Morning Authors is open to the public, with free admission, and begins with morning coffee and light refreshments.

**Library Welcomes Thomas P. Gill Papers to Congressional Papers Collection**

The UH Mānoa Library and the Center for Biographical Research celebrated the opening of the Thomas P. Gill Congressional Papers, and the career of the former Lieutenant Governor in April at the Korean Studies Center. The event not only honored the life, times and values of Tom and Lois Gill, but also announced the opening of the Gill Papers to researchers.

Gill’s papers are the most recent addition to the Library’s steadily growing Hawai‘i Congressional Papers Collection, a major part of Hawai‘i’s documentary heritage. The Collection holds a wealth of Hawai‘i’s congressional history and is available to the public by appointment.

Gill generously donated his papers to the Collection in 2001, ensuring that researchers will have access to material about his political life and its importance to Hawai‘i for generations to come. The Gill Papers comprise over 100 linear feet of papers, images, memorabilia and other historical material that document Gill’s concern with and influence on a wide variety of social, economic and environmental issues that still resonate today. To learn more about the Gill Papers or to make an appointment to use the collection, please call Archivist Ellen Chapman at 944-7656, or email ellen@hawaii.edu.

-Jonelle Sage
Premier Teaching Conference Comes to Hawai‘i

It isn’t easy to get Hawai‘i selected as the site for a national conference, and it’s challenging to organize an event that spans three days and hosts two hundred specialist librarians from throughout the United States. Just ask Vicky Lebbin, Social Sciences Librarian and Dave Brier, Systems Librarian, chairs of the LOEX-of-the-West Conference (Library Orientation EXchange), held this June on the Big Island.

Efforts to bring this conference to Hawai‘i, began in 2002. According to Lebbin, “Hawai‘i is somewhere LOEX-of-the-West hadn’t been yet, but the theme we developed of “information literacy for a lifetime” found strong resonance with site selectors.” Programs, speakers, workshops, sessions and discussions explored the relationship between information literacy and the assertion that information literacy is essential to a person’s life outside and inside the classroom.

Brier pointed out that the conference was more unique than its theme, “we selected keynote speakers from experts in Hawai‘i.” Pua Kanaha‘ele, Chair of the Hawaiian Studies Department at Hawai‘i Community College spoke on “Creating Spaces for Alternative Ways of Knowing and Testing”. Jim Dator, a global leader in the futures field addressed the conference on, “The Futures of Information Literacy and Lifetime Learning”.


LOEX-of-the-West is held biennially in a western state, attracting attendees and presenters from around the nation, and in Hawai‘i’s case, from throughout the world. The 2006 conference hosted individuals from Canada, Egypt, Qatar, Guam, and American Samoa.

The conference was managed by volunteers and funded solely through registrations and sponsorships. “We got Google, one of our principle sponsors, to host a lunch program,” said Lebbin, “Google Presents: Tales, Tools, Tips and Tricks”. The UH Mānoa Library was also a major sponsor.

“The conference provided an in-state professional development opportunity to Hawai‘i professionals and specialists,” explained Brier. Hosting conferences like LOEX-of-the-West also offers an economic benefit to Hawai‘i. According to the formula used by the Hawai‘i Business Ambassador Program of the Hawai‘i Convention Center, this conference resulted in at least $600,000 in visitor spending and over $58,000 in tax revenue.

But Brier defines the ultimate success of the conference, and his and Lebbin’s efforts, in a more human way. “If just one or two people are able to take away something from the conference and improve library services, enrich the patron experience, or think about information literacy differently, then the conference will have been a smashing success”.

- Randy Hensley, Student Learning Programs and Services Librarian

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The ability to recognize when information is needed, and to locate, evaluate, and effectively and ethically use that information.

~Based on the ACRL Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education, 2000.
Where Are They Now?

Displaced faculty and staff pull double duty in temporary offices

For nearly two years the faculty and staff in four vital Library departments have carried a double burden. While restoring materials and recovering from the October 2004 flood, these energetic employees continue to serve UH Mānoa students and faculty by providing support, materials and reference services to meet the community’s need. The flood displaced over 50 employees from the Cataloging, Serials, and Acquisitions Departments, and the Government Documents Collection. Each of these teams is essential to the Library and the UH Mānoa campus, and each has maximized the space in their temporary, often uncomfortable, locations, while eagerly looking ahead to the day they can return to the Hamilton Library ground floor.

The Cataloging Department, which describes and organizes Library materials according to national standards, is now located in between shelving units in the Archives and Manuscripts Area on the 5th floor of the Hamilton Phase III Addition. Serials, the Department which acquires and maintains the Library’s subscriptions to academic journals is now located in the basement of Phase III.

Ordering, purchasing and receiving new books is key to maintaining a position as the premiere research library in the Pacific. This is the mission of the Acquisitions Department, which has moved twice since the flood. Last summer they moved from what is now the CLIC (Computer Learning Information Center) Lab on the 2nd floor of Phase III to a larger space on the 3rd floor of the main part of Hamilton, which has improved working conditions and efficiency within the Department.

Although the Preservation Department, on the 5th floor of Phase III, was spared by the flood, some of its important equipment was not so fortunate. The flood destroyed a converted 20-foot freezer container, which was used to combat insect infestation, and provided an essential step in the treatment of mud-damaged maps and photographs.

In May, the Government Documents & Map Collection, which was virtually destroyed by the flood, received 40,000 cleaned and restored maps from Belfor, Inc., a mainland company contracted to treat the flood-damaged items. The maps are being stored on the 1st floor of Hamilton in 150 new map cases, which were purchased with funds from community donations after the flood. Because of this generous support, the Library has also been able to fund a project coordinator to oversee all aspects of the ground floor reconstruction.

So when will these industrious departments return to a re-designed and re-built ground floor? Such a mammoth project will, like restoring and replacing lost items, take several years. After a series of Library-wide visioning sessions, a task force developed a conceptual plan for the ground floor in cooperation with the displaced departments. It is estimated that these teams will not move back in to the ground floor before January 2009.

As part of the design project, a utility building will be built on the Ewa side of Hamilton to house new air conditioning chillers and electrical circuitry. The utility building will free up space within the ground floor so that these industrious and adaptable staff can return to a larger, safer, and thoroughly re-designed ground floor home.

- David Bruner, Special Correspondent and Jonelle Sage

Also Displaced From The Hamilton Ground Floor:

The Library and Information Science Program (LIS), with over 130 students, and 8 faculty, staff and instructors, has moved its offices and classes to the Pacific Ocean Science and Technology (POST) building and Bilger Hall.
Nancy Walden, a member of the UH Foundation Heritage Society and President’s Club, believes the Library is a valuable asset for students, faculty and the community, and she allocates her time and resources accordingly. In addition to supporting the Library with annual gifts, Nancy has left a bequest to the Library in her will. Nancy’s other gift to the UH Mānoa Library, The Robert F. Walden Collection, documents the fascinating story of civilian WWII efforts in Hawai‘i, and will be preserved for future generations thanks to Nancy’s bequest.

“The Library is an important asset that belongs to all of us, so I wanted to do something to help. I am happy to support the UH Mānoa Library with a bequest to preserve and help make the Robert F. Walden Collection accessible to students and researchers in the future.”

You too can leave a legacy of support to the UH Library by remembering us in your will!

The Library has many collections and projects which need your support, so please contact us to find one that resonates with your passion.

We are happy to provide you with accurate bequest language, quickly and confidentially. For samples, please contact Library Director of Development, Dana Myers at 808-956-8688 or email dana.myers@uhf.hawaii.edu.

Advisory Board Launched

February 9, 2006 marked the inaugural meeting of the Library Development Advisory Board, hosted by University Librarian, Diane Perushek.

The Board is comprised of key community leaders and Library supporters, Susan Sayre Batton, Janell A. Israel, Dr. Richard & Mildred Kosaki, Wendie McClain, Fuku Tsukiyama, Nancy Walden, Rianna Williams, and ex officio member, Dana Myers, UH Foundation, Director of Development for Libraries.

The Advisory Board will help the Library further define itself for the community in ways that will draw a wide array of supporters to the services and resources it offers now and will be able to offer in the future. The Board will also assist in raising funds for Library collections, programs, and endowments, assuring the excellence that students, faculty and community friends expect— for the present and the future.

We welcome all of the advisory members to our UH Mānoa Library family and look forward to hearing more about their work in future issues of Ke Kūkini.

-Dana Myers

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November 15 “2500 Years of Very Small Numbers” ~Prof. David Ross, 3:00 p.m., Hamilton Library

December 2006–January 2007 Visiting Exhibit: “Singgalot (Ties that Bind); Filipinos in America, From Colonial Subjects to Citizens” ~ Courtesy of the Smithsonian Museum, Hamilton Library

February Visiting Exhibit: “A Tour of Paradise: An American Soldier in the South Pacific”, ~Courtesy of the Consul General of Australia, Hamilton Library

March-May Exhibit: “A Passion for Orchids” Hamilton Library
Since it opened in 1956, the Gregg M. Sinclair Library has been the students’ library. Solid, hardwood desks have supported thousands of students through their first research papers and countless hours studying for finals. These original desks are still serving our patrons today. However, they look a bit tired after 50 years, and are in need of a facelift.

A $1,000.00 gift will restore one beautiful two-seater desk and purchase two new oak chairs. A brass plaque in recognition of your gift will be placed on each desk you help restore. If UH and Sinclair Library hold memories of your college experience, take this opportunity to enhance those memories for the next generation of UH students. For details on how you can contribute to the Sinclair Library Golden Anniversary campaign contact Dana Myers, Director of Development for Libraries at (808) 956-8688.

Please help us celebrate Sinclair Library’s Golden Anniversary, and preserve a piece of UH Mānoa history for future generations!

Join us on Oct. 25 for Sinclair Library’s Student Services Celebration

Exhibits & Events

Fall & Winter

July 20 -October 30 Exhibit: “Ka Ulana Lauhala: Plaiting Pandanus Leaves” Hamilton Library

October 18 “The Myth of Moses: the Religious, Archaeological and Historical Evidence” ~Prof. Robert J. Littman, 3:00 p.m., Hamilton Library

October 25 Sinclair Student Services Celebration, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Sinclair Library

October 28 “Burning Books and Leveling Libraries: Extremist Violence and Cultural Destruction,” ~ Dr. Rebecca Knuth, 10:30 a.m., Hamilton Library

November 2006-January 2007 Exhibit: “Filipino Immigration to Hawai‘i” Hamilton Library

November 2 “Origin of Dragons: Why a Belief in Dragons is Found over Much of the Earth” ~ Prof. Robert Blust, 3:00 p.m., Hamilton Library

November 4 “Longitude and Empire: How Captain Cook’s Voyages Changed the World,” ~ Dr. Brian Richardson, 10:30 a.m., Hamilton Library.

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