



MAUI FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Supporting Libraries Since 1912

Libraries funded over \$100K from MFOL!

Maui Friends of the Library (MFOL) has served the public libraries and the Maui Community this past year by donating \$105,000 in funding for Maui libraries, as well as providing thousands of free books for keiki and educators. This was all accomplished through donations and sales at our three bookstores — which has the added benefit of distributing many more thousands of low-priced reading, listening, and viewing media for the general public. We love people who read and listen, and it shows in the results of our bookstores!

This year all eight public libraries in Maui County and the Holoholo Bookmobile each received a grant of \$10,000 to purchase books, DVDs and other items for their collections.

Funds from Maui Friends of the Library also helped individual libraries with special requests outside their state-provided budgets. Here's the breakdown:

MFOL Funding in 2022

This past year, MFOL was able to provide substantial funding for the following library projects, programs, and materials — in blanket funds as well as by individual request:

- \$82,000 was allocated for books, CDs, DVDs, etc., and programs at Maui libraries: that is \$10,000 in discretionary spending for each branch library, and \$12,000 for the Holoholo Bookmobile.
- \$8,000 was awarded to Wailuku Library to assemble 100 "Conscious Child" kits, Phase Two. "The Conscious Child" is a pilot program implemented on Maui in 2021 by Wailuku and Lāhainā Libraries, with kits for young children and is now moving into the next age group. Phase Two kits will include three books and art supplies, plus links to the virtual component to the program. The kits can be checked out at the libraries.
- \$5,390 was granted to the Kīhei Library to purchase a Family Workstation – a play pen-like piece of furniture that features an activity panel sits alongside a computer workstation, so that a



A Kīhei Library patron and her child co-use the new Family Workstation. What a great way to get kids visiting the library early in life!

parent can use a library computer while their infant is safe in the little padded play area.

- \$3,484 in funds were designated for "Outreach Kits" for the six libraries of Maui Nui, equipped so that librarians can promote their library at outside events such as the Maui ComiCon. Each event kit has a wagon, folding table, two chairs, and a tub for supplies, with a banner and a monitor to be shared amongst the branches. The objective of these outreach efforts is to promote library participation to audiences who might not currently go visit the libraries.
- \$3,000 additional funds were made available for the Holoholo Bookmobile's materials. (There is no line item in the Hawai'i State budget to provide any materials for the Bookmobile. Maui Friends of the Library funded the acquisition of the Holoholo Bookmobile and its ongoing collection of books and media).
- \$2,360 funds were allocated to Kīhei Library to purchase new shades, replacing long-overdue "temporary" paper shades.
- \$1,025 was given to Wailuku Library for the purchase of new fans to help cool and aerate the library.
- \$880 for Moloka'i Library to purchase chairs for their new meeting room, and other miscellaneous supply/set-up items.

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FLO WIGER
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD
2022-23

Greetings!

HAU'OLI MAKAHIKI HOU 2023

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Maui Friends of the Library, I want to thank you for your support of our organization and of Maui County public libraries over this past year.

This has been an exciting year for MFOL. Even with the COVID pandemic we have continued to operate our bookstores, and have moved into a larger retail space at The Outlets shopping area in Lahaina. Our volunteer numbers continue to grow, and over this last year we have been able to fund more than \$100,000 for library books, equipment and programs. This is all because of the commitment of our Maui community, as well as visitors to our island.

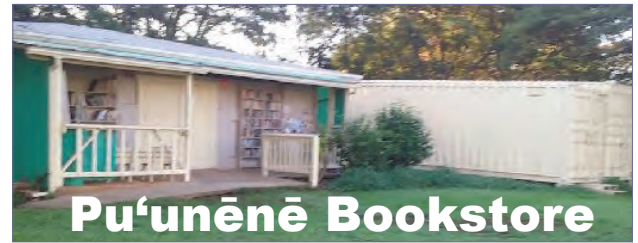
On the flip side, we lost two of our very faithful and long-time volunteers:

JoAnn Carroll, manager of MFOL used bookstore in Lāhainā, relocated to California to be with family members. Debra Pestrak, who had previously been a volunteer in the store, has stepped up to serve as Lāhainā manager.

A more permanent loss to us was the passing of Diane Logsdon, who worked for many years on the MFOL board, with our newsletter, and as a worker in the Pu'unēnē bookstore. Diane was a volunteer for MFOL and other organizations on Maui well into her late 80s! She was a shining example of volunteerism in action.

I am extremely enthusiastic about this upcoming year. More people are volunteering, to serve you even better in our three great bookstores, and there are new programs and services for the community that will be offered. We look forward to an exciting 2023!

— flo

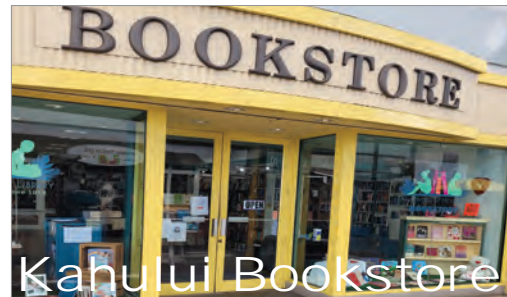


Pu'unēnē Bookstore

Located by the old Pu'unēnē School (past the sugar mill)

Hours: Tues-Sat, 9 AM – 4 PM

Phone: (808) 871-6563

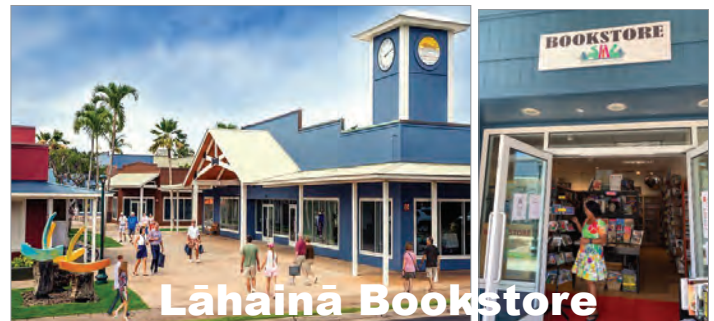


Kahului Bookstore

Located in Queen Ka'ahumanu Center, Kahului

Hours: Mon-Sat 10 AM – 7 PM • Sun 10 AM – 5 PM

Phone: (808) 877-2509



Lāhainā Bookstore

Located in The Outlets of Maui, Front Street, Lahaina

Hours: Mon-Sat 10 AM – 6 PM • Sun 12 N – 4 PM

Phone: (808) 667-2696



Books for the Whole Community:

Maui Friends of the Library is also helping to keep this Little Free Library stocked with books at the Wailuku Coffee Shop on Market Street. Contact us if you have a Little Library and need books.

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How MFOL Works for Libraries

The mission of our all-volunteer nonprofit organization known as Maui Friends of the Library (MFOL) is to provide support for all the libraries in Maui County, including Lānaʻi, Molokaʻi, and the Holoholo Bookmobile and other libraries. A primary task is raising money to help finance the acquisition of new materials for each library, sustain subscriptions to newspapers and magazines, and fill in the gaps for library programs and equipment where state funding falls short.

We are able to achieve our high goals with the help of the community and our dedicated volunteers. From the community, we receive monetary gifts and the all-important donations of used books and other saleable materials so we can operate our three used bookstores on the island: the original store by the old Pu'unēnē School; our largest store, in Queen Ka'ahumanu Center; and our newest location, at The Outlets of Maui in Lāhainā. These stores are at the center of our non-profit fundraising activity for Maui libraries. Aside from helping the libraries, MFOL wants to make books accessible and affordable to everyone on Maui.

How You Can Help

Please consider helping MFOL continue to promote and enhance Maui's public libraries by becoming a member of MFOL ... donating gently-used books, CDs, DVDs ... shopping at our bookstores ... signing up for a volunteer shift in our bookstores. If you have four hours a week available, those few hours can help make a big difference in our Maui County community!



Volunteer Spotlight: Jody Singsank, Warehouse Master

Formerly of the Maui Police Department, Jody Singsank has served and protected the back-up inventory for our three MFOL bookstores for several years now. Few can match her energy, loyalty and ability to work through heat, dust...and cane spiders?

Mahalo, Jody!

Here's how YOU can help support our Libraries too!

- Become a member of Maui Friends of the Library
- Donate \$25 or more to our organization (see back page)
- Give us your sellable books, CDs, DVDs
- Buy books, CD, DVDs at our bookstores
- Become a volunteer at one of our bookstores

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SPECIAL PROJECTS



ComiCon 2022

Librarians from the Kahului Branch attended this year's Maui ComiCon with their "Outreach Kit" funded by Maui Friends of the Library. (see *funding news*, page 1) All readers are welcome at the libraries!



Warehouse Sale

Sometimes our containers of donations are busting at the seams ... and then it's time for a Warehouse Sale. These events are eagerly awaited, and shoppers look forward to carrying away bags and boxes full of book bargains! Watch MFOL.ORG for the next big sale!



Free Books for Educators

Maui teachers, librarians, and parents of home-schoolers are invited to come to the Pu'unēnē warehouse to pick and choose FREE books for school use. If you are an educator or a home-schooler, you can get free books for your students or special projects: come and pick out 25 free books daily at the Pu'unēnē bookstore. Also, there may be weekend warehouse events when most of the available inventory will be readily at hand; watch the web site for info on this, or ask to be on the educator mail list. Thousands of books have been given away, and thousands more are waiting for you!

email: mauifriendsofthelibrary@hotmail.com
call: **Pu'unēnē Bookstore, 871-6563**

JOIN US! Become a member of Maui Friend of the Library to help us maintain the County's public libraries and enrich the informational, education, and recreational materials available to all people in Maui County.

- Student/Senior/Military \$10/year
 Adult \$20/year
 Family \$40/year
 Lifetime \$200
 I want to make an additional donation to help: \$_____

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Address: _____ Town: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

I would like to volunteer at a bookstore Just 4 hrs/week helps a lot!
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 Lāhainā
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