

# Annual Letter to the Membership

Aloha,

As the year comes to a close, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank you, FL-WR's loyal supporters, for your continued commitment to us. Your kindness and generosity have not gone unnoticed, and we sincerely thank you.

Even with COVID restrictions we have had a busy and prosperous year. Highlights from the past year are:

- I was elected as president of the board in January 2021
- After years of hard work by the FL-WR board and the community it was heartbreaking to witness the loss of the Waikoloa Plaza site. All is not lost, and we are very encouraged by the progress that the State Librarian and the County have made on the the new site near Kamakoa Park.
- We launched our monthly newsletter, *Chapters*
- We increased our presence on Facebook and Nextdoor.
- A committee of board members was formed to update our bylaws to more accurately reflect our current operations.
- The Bookmobile continues to operate seven days a week from 9am-5pm with an all-volunteer staff. Since the Bookmobile was vandalized in January '22, we have received a donation of a security camera and wi-fi booster and both have been installed.
- We welcomed back the Big Island Heluhelu Quiz Bowl (formally the Newbery Quiz Bowl) after it was suspended due to COVID restrictions.
- We supported the Waikoloa School PTSA's Scholastic Book Fair.
- We held a Whale Watching fundraiser in February '22
- A committee was formed to relaunch the 5K Walk/Run for Literacy after a two-year shut down due to COVID.
- We participated in the Waikoloa Lions Club golf tournament with a library themed gift basket.
- An IT person joined us and has started working on updating our Applications and Services.
- We started the process of revamping our membership program
- Grants Applied for or Received:
  - Received from Hawaii Community Foundation - Hapa Fund grant \$2,500 designated for the Big Island Heluhelu Quiz Bowl (BIHQB).
  - Applied for \$2,500 from Councilman Tim Richard's discretionary funds. If received the funds will be designated for the book *On the Day You Were Born* by Debra Fraizer, that we will distribute to all new babies at Queen's NHCH.

As we look to the coming year, most of the projects above will continue but we will also look forward to adding our new endeavors:

- Summer Reading Program
- Little Free Library
- Updating our website, logo, flyers, etc
- Filling two slots on our board of directors

Thanks for a great year and I cannot wait to see what this year will bring!

Sincerely,

Mary Kelly

Board President

Friends of the Library-Waikoloa Region

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