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Bequest to UH-Hilo library helps keep shelves stacked

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MEDIA RELEASE

Thanks to the foresight and generosity of Joseph and Florence Maney, students and faculty at University of Hawaii Hilo will benefit from enhanced academic offerings at the Edwin H. Mookini Library.

Through the Florence Maney Trust, an endowed gift of \$667,170 will be paying out a monthly distribution to support the library in perpetuity. These funds will go towards the acquisition of books, periodicals, online databases and other additions to its collections.

“This gift will provide us with the resources to enhance our collections and benefit everyone visiting the library,” said Dr. Linda Golian-Lui, university librarian.

During World War II, New York natives Florence and Joe Maney moved to Honolulu to work as nurses at Queen’s Hospital. However, their callings lay in different areas and they both left nursing to pursue other careers.

From 1945-47, Florence attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa and completed her B.A. She continued at UH Manoa, obtained her M.A. and then taught English Literature courses at her alma mater.

Joe worked for the Labor Department of the State of Hawaii. After they retired they moved to Vermont until they returned to Hawaii, and ultimately settled in Hilo.

Books of all varieties were of interest to Florence and Joe. He was especially fond of mysteries and science fiction, while she enjoyed the arts and literature of the world.

In addition to their enduring gift to the UH-Hilo Library System, the Maneys were also supporters of UH-Hilo’s visiting lecturers.

“We are very grateful for the Maney’s generosity and their investment in the Edwin H. Mookini Library,” said Rose Tseng, Chancellor UH-Hilo. “A quality library is essential to

a quality education and their gift will help the library maintain its services while meeting the increasing campus and public needs.”

The University of Hawaii Hilo is a comprehensive university with 36 bachelors degree programs, six masters programs and two doctoral programs. UH-Hilo strives to integrate culture and science, offer hands-on learning opportunities to its students and use the Island of Hawaii as a natural learning laboratory. Enrollment has doubled since 1980 to nearly 4,000 students coming from all 50 states and 40 countries.

The University of Hawaii Foundation, a nonprofit organization, raises private funds to support the University of Hawaii System. Its mission is to unite donors' passions with the University of Hawaii's aspirations to benefit the people of Hawaii and beyond. It does this by raising private philanthropic support, managing private investments and nurturing donor and alumni relationships.

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