Collection drive for Aloha Libraries to kick off Jan. 12

LĪHU‘E – As part of the Corporation for National and Community Service’s special initiative for the Martin Luther King Day of Service, Senior Corps members of the Kaua‘i Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, RSVP Advisory Council, and members of Kaua‘i Veterans Council will be kicking off a collection drive starting Saturday, Jan. 12, with proceeds to be used to construct Aloha Libraries.

These Aloha libraries will be placed islandwide in hopes of inspiring keiki to read, encourage literacy in families, and foster a sense of community. Installation for the first library is tentatively set for Saturday, Jan. 26.

There will be two Saturday collection days on Jan. 12 and Jan. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at both Kukui Grove Times Supermarket and Safeway in Līhu‘e.

Additionally, donations may be dropped off or mailed to Kaua‘i RSVP – Agency on Elderly Affairs during normal business hours at 4444 Rice Street, Suite 330, in Līhu‘e.

Aloha Libraries will be constructed through efforts of volunteers from Kaua‘i Veterans Council. Materials for the very first library were donated and constructed by RSVP Volunteer and veteran Jim Jung.

Kauai RSVP is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency for volunteering, service, and civic engagement and is sponsored by the County of Kaua‘i’s Agency on Elderly Affairs.
For more information, please contact Donna Olivas-Kaohi, RSVP Director, at 241-4483.

Photo caption: Featured along with Mr. Jim Jung (pictured in red) are members of the RSVP Advisory Council, (from left to right) Wilma Chandler, George Mukai, Vernon Paler, Shirley Akita, Avis Hirahara and Gladys Fujiuchi. Advisory Council members expressed this project would be a great fit as their MLK service project.

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