

Storing Knowledge at No Cost

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The Manoa Public Library will soon be demolished to make room for a new green library but what will happen to its books and other material during the two-year construction project? A locally owned company provided the answer Tuesday.

A delivery truck backs into the loading dock at Hawaii Self Storage on Waialae Avenue carrying a wealth of information.

"They're providing space for the Hawaii state public library system to store roughly 13,000 material that are from the Manoa public library," said state librarian Richard Burns.

More than 13-thousand books, CD's and other library material will call this storage facility home for the next two years.

"Hawaii Self Storage has given us a 13-thousand square foot storage space for library materials that will be able to be stored in air-condition environment so they'll be usable in two years -- the anticipated lengthy of the construction project," said Burns.

The locally owned company is donating the space at no charge to the state.

"Manoa public library came to us with their storage need and their limited budget -- we wanted to help out in every way would could," said Shaun Salvador, Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Hawaii Self Storage. "The cost savings would probably be about \$13,000."

The generous donation comes at a crucial time.

"We're looking at significant budget cuts both the Hawaii State Public Library System and all of government service in Hawaii so this is a very valuable donation that Hawaii Self Storage is making," said Burns.

The company's vice president of sales and marketing says the effort is a perfect way to give back to the community.

"Supporting local businesses, non-profits and charities is important especially in these tough times," said Salvador. "It's going to take a lot of partnerships and businesses stepping up because we cannot rely on the state to give us assistance so it's very important that we all work together, to work on these obstacles and challenges."

