

BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
April 16, 2009

State Librarian's Report

1. North Kohala Public Library Groundbreaking, Friday, April 24, 12:30 p.m.

A groundbreaking ceremony will be held at the site of the new North Kohala Public Library on Friday, April 24 at 12:30 p.m. Board Members as well as the public are invited to attend this community celebration, which will include performances by Matthew and Rosalind Kupukaa, the Kohala Middle School Hula Halau and the Kohala Senior Citizens Club.

2. National Library Week Programs Will Continue Throughout the Month

We are in the middle of National Library Week, and various branches will continue to offer special programs throughout the month. Upcoming programs include "Island Kine Stories with Janice Terukina", "The Art of Taiko with Kenny Endo", and storytellers Jeff Gere and Ben Moffat. Information about these and other library programs is available at the HSPLS website www.librarieshawaii.org.

3. Family Story Time

HSPLS continues its collaboration with Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii and the Child Abuse Prevention Planning Council to present a special series of Family Story Times at Liliha Public Library on Monday, April 20; Hickam AFB Library on April 22; and Kaimuki Public Library on Sunday, April 26.

4. Consumer Wise Fairs

Consumer Wise Fairs, presented in collaboration with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs will be hosted by Aiea Public Library on Tuesday April 21, Liliha Public Library on Wednesday May 13 and Aina Haina Public Library on Friday May 22.

5. Holo I Mua, the Official HSPLS Monthly Newsletter

A copy of the current Holo I Mua (to cause or promote success, advancement or progress), the official HSPLS monthly newsletter has been included in your packet this afternoon.

6. Presentation on Kailua Public Library Programs and Services

Kailua Public Library Branch Manager Patti Meerians joins us this afternoon to provide an update on various developments in Kailua's library.

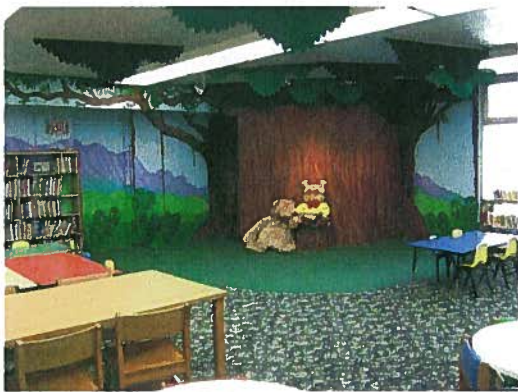
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Kailua Public Library Programs and Services

Kailua Public Library opened its present doors to the public on December 28th, 1960 and since then we have been an integral part of our community. We believe in partnering with local organizations, neighboring schools and our community to continuously improve our library. At present we have a full time staff of 11 to serve our patrons. We are open Monday through Saturday, including Tuesday and Thursday nights.

The past decade has seen Kailua Public Library go through major renovations, beginning in 1997 with a grant from Pizza Hut that changed the Children's Room into a giant Reading Tree. In 2000, in partnership with the Castle Foundation and the Friends of Kailua Library, we were able to re-invigorate the Main Reading Room with a new circulation desk, a new Reference desk and bright colorful wall murals of the Koolau Mountains and Kailua Beach. Our last big project, the renovation of our Courtyard was completed in 2006. This was another partnership with the Friends of Kailua Library, the Castle Foundation and the State. Our Courtyard was chosen to receive Scenic Hawaii's Betty Crocker Landscape Award of Excellence in 2007. This summer we were fortunate to have Boy Scout Troup 35 paint and re-landscape our front lanai and yard, as part of an Eagle Scout project.



The Children's Room 2009



The Courtyard 2008



Troup 35 hard at work



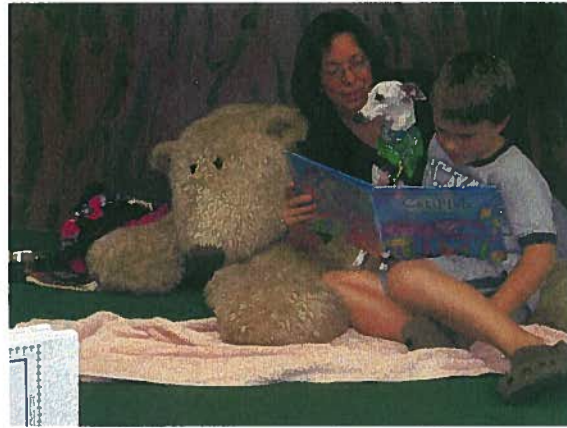
The finished landscape!

All of these renovations help to create a friendlier, relaxed atmosphere that invites our patrons to come in, relax, stay and explore our collections and see what we have to offer them.

Part of Kailua Public Library's mission is that we are a gateway to Children's literacy. Along with numerous class visits for story time, we also have Keiki Story time once a week for toddlers under the Reading Tree, as well as numerous children's programs throughout the year. A new and innovative program we have started this year is "Read to a Dog". Boomer and her owner, Andrea O'Conner spend an afternoon in the Children's Room and children sign up to read to Boomer for 15 minutes. This has become a very popular program and we hope to be able to continue this during the summer.



Christmas story time with Christy Lipps



Child reading to Andrea and Boomer



Throughout the year we have programs for all ages on various topics, such as orchid care, health care directives, how to finance a mortgage, an author night with Brandon Wilson, the musical group Ten Feet and a drumming program with noted professional drummer, Abe Lagrimas. In fact, tonight we have attorney Scot Suzuki talking to the adults about getting your legal affairs in order.

Musical Group: Ten Feet

As with most of the libraries in our system, Internet access is very much in demand and heavily used at our library. Our five one-hour stations are in constant use during our open hours with several people waiting for a computer to become available. During these difficult economic times, we are also seeing an increase in patrons using the Library's

Open Office software to type their resumes. Although we do not have formal classes on word processing or using the internet, the staff goes out of their way to assist our patrons as much as possible.



We circulate well over 20,000 books, audio books, CD's and DVD's per month which makes us one of the busiest libraries in the State. We receive a lot of input from our patrons requesting materials that they prefer and we strive to meet their needs. Our staff is courteous, friendly and I am always getting compliments about how helpful they are.

Kailua Public Library is an important asset for our community. We are fortunate to have the support from the State, our Friends of Kailua Library, and most importantly from our community and patrons. Thank you for this opportunity to share with you a little bit about our library and I invite all of you to come for a visit and experience Kailua Public Library.