

BOOK BUZZ with Carolyn Larson (Head Librarian at Lihue Library)

Bringing you the buzz on new, popular and good books available at your neighborhood library. Book annotations are largely culled from online publishers' descriptions and published reviews.

SUMMER READING

Rockin' Reads and Stylin' Stories

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Ah, the good ol' summertime...sand, surf, shave ice, summer reading.... The Hawaii State Public Library System's Summer Reading Programs start up at libraries around the state next week. And all six Kauai public libraries will offer summer reading fun. Lihue Library will host a six-week program for children going into sixth grade and under from June 15 to July 24, a five-week program for young adults going into seventh grade and up from June 15 to July 17, and a trial five-week adult program for those 18 and above running from June 15 to July 17. Registration is open now and readers can also join the program at any time throughout the summer.

The Children's Summer Reading Program, **Be Creative @ Your Library**, features a lot of cool awards, some craft activities, and a creative African American story program by Diane Ferlatte on Tuesday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the library.

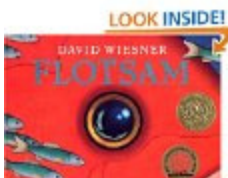
Sierra Hampton-Eng, the talented young adult librarian at Lihue Library is cooking up some fun teen events (*Dance Dance Revolution* anyone?), activities (a reading-integrated community service project) and motivating awards (thanks to generous community partners). This year's Teen Summer Reading theme is **Reading Rocks!**

The Adult Summer **Read-a-thon** will reward readers, and through the Friends of Lihue Library will provide an opportunity to give back to the library.

This week's Book Buzz list takes a look at some of this summer's rockin' reads and stylin' stories. Happy Summer Reading,

BE CREATIVE @ YOUR LIBRARY

(Going Into) Preschool & Kindergarten



Flotsam

By David Wiesner

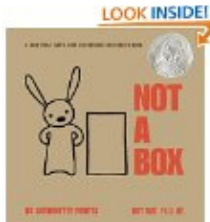
When an underwater camera washes onto shore, a boy develops the film and finds pictures of a surprising world under the ocean.



Little Blue and Little Yellow

By Leo Lionni

A Blue dot and a yellow dot are best friends, but when they hug each other and become green, everyone gets mixed up.



Not a Box

By Antoinette Portis

To an imaginative bunny, a box is not always just a box.



The Royal Waker-Upper

By Elaine Masters

A tale of a young boy, Mele, assigned to sing King David Kalakaua awake each morning . Lonely Mele seeks companionship from a multitude of pets with varying results.

BE CREATIVE @ YOUR LIBRARY

(Going Into) First - Third Grade



The Boy who Painted Dragons

By Demi

Ping, a painter of dragons, is challenged to seek the truth, find the truth, and dare to be true.



Amelia Bedelia's Masterpiece

By Herman Parish

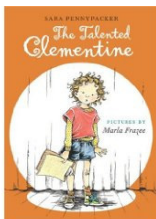
Housekeeper Amelia Bedelia visits an art museum where her confusion leads to surprising results.



Arthur and the Poetry Contest

By Marc Tolon Brown

Fern dares Arthur and his friends to enter a poetry contest at the local library, but writing poems turns out to be harder than they thought.



The Talented Clementine

By Sara Pennypacker

Eight-year-old Clementine, convinced that she has no talents, tries to find a way to avoid participating in the class talent show.

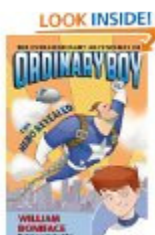


Easy Earth-Friendly Crafts in Five Steps

By Anna Llimos Plomer

Presents simple craft projects made from recycled materials.

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(Going Into) Fourth – Sixth Grade



The Hero Revealed

By William Boniface

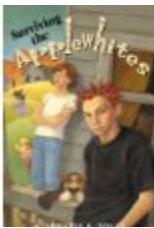
Ordinary Boy learns that even though he is the only resident of Superopolis without superpowers, he can still achieve extraordinary things.



The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place

By E. L. Konigsburg

Margaret Rose fights to save the towers of scrap metal her great-uncles have been building for 45 years from neighbors who consider them an eyesore.



Surviving the Applewhites

By Stephanie S. Tolan

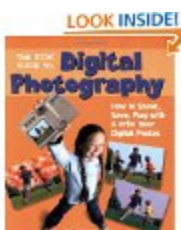
Jake has been thrown out of too many schools. Now he is going to be home-schooled with the eccentric Applewhite family, where creativity and chaos seem to rule.



Bully-Be-Gone

By Brian Tacang

Girl inventor Millicent creates a formula to stop bullying, but has to find an antidote for its unexpected effects



The Kids' Guide to Digital Photography: How to Shoot, Save, Play with and print Your Digital Photos

By Jenni Bidner

Transform your pictures from ordinary to GREAT with tips for composing, shooting and editing your digital photos.



Emeril's There's a Chef in my Soup! Recipes for the Kid in Everyone.

By Emeril Lagasse

Even as a kid, you can be creative in the kitchen. Learn some of the basics of cooking from scratch.

READING ROCKS!

(Going Into) Seventh Grade – H.S. Senior



King Dork

By Frank Portman

Tom Henderson is a typical American high school loser until he discovers the book, *The Catcher in the Rye*, that will change the world as he knows it. Suddenly Tom is in the middle of at least half a dozen mysteries involving dead people, naked people, fake people, ESP, glood, guitars, monks, witchcraft, the Bible, girls, the Crusades and rock and roll.



Audrey Wait!

By Tobin Benway

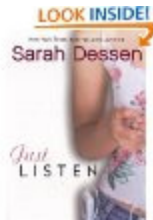
When her ex writes a break-up song about her that rockets up the charts, Audrey is suddenly famous – she can't go out without being mobbed by fans and paparazzi. Take a wild ride with Audrey as she makes headlines, confronts her ex on MTV, and shows the world who she really is.



Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie

By Jordan Sonneblick

Thirteen-year-old Steven has a totally normal life: he plays drums in the All-Star Jazz band, has a crush on the hottest girl in the school, and is constantly annoyed by his five-year-old brother, Jeffrey. But when Jeffrey is diagnosed with leukemia, Steven's world is turned upside down. He is forced to deal with his brother's illness and his parents' attempts to keep the family in one piece.



Just Listen

By Sarah Dessen

When Annabel has a bitter falling out with her best friend – the popular Sophie – she suddenly finds herself isolated and friendless. Then she meets Owen – a loner, passionate about music and his weekly radio show, and always determined to tell the truth. With Owen's help, can Annabel find the courage to speak out about what exactly happened the night her friendship with Sophie came to a screeching halt?



Vampire Academy (Book One)

By Rachel Mead

Suffering from acute **Twilight** withdrawal? **The Vampire Academy** is a readalike to keep you reading the delightful dead! Also try the Evernight, Blue Blood or House of Night Series.