

## **Book Buzz**

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*Bringing you the buzz on new, popular and good books available at your neighborhood library.*

### **TECHNOLOGY BUZZ – March 11<sup>th</sup>**

In the library world this is Teen Tech Week, a national initiative sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association and aimed at encouraging teens to use libraries' non-print resources for education and recreation and to recognize that librarians are qualified, trusted professionals in the field of information technology. If Kauai is like the rest of the nation, nearly 1 in 4 youth aged 8 to 18 do not have Internet access at home. 1 of 3 teens regularly visits the school or public library to use the library's computers for fun. Multiple studies have shown that the majority of teens lack the critical thinking skills and technical expertise to use the Internet and other electronic resources effectively. Teen Tech Week is about connecting teens with different technologies, especially those available through the library. It's about teens creating and sharing their own content for the fun of it. And it's about learning more about the world around us by watching film documentaries, listening to audiobooks, getting online homework help, or learning a new language in order to gain the skills necessary to compete in today's job market. Trained professionals, such as librarians and teachers, can help teens access digital and online information and use the resources effectively, efficiently and ethically.

But hey, why should teens have all the fun? Check out these technology resources at your neighborhood library.

Happy reading,

#### **NEW TECHNOLOGY BOOKS:**

**Beginning OpenOffice 3: From Novice to Professional**

**Blogging for Teens**

**Blogs, Wikis, MySpace & More: Everything You Wanted to Know about Web 2.0**

**Building a Wordpress Blog People Want To Read**

**Career Building Through Social Networking**

**Frequently Asked Questions About Online Romance**

**Guide to HTML, XHTML and CSS**

**Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing games**

**MySpace Visual Quick Tips**

**O'Reilly's Learning Perl**

**The Research Virtuoso: Brilliant Methods for Normal Brains**

**Send: Why People Email So Badly and How to Do It Better**

**Smart Homes for Dummies**

**Upgrading & Fixing PCs for Dummies**

**Visual Quickstart**

**Windows Lockdown: Your XP and Vista Guide Against Hacks, Attacks, etc.**

**You Tube and You**

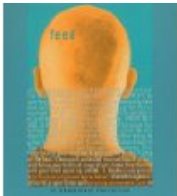
## ONLINE DATABASES

Some powerful subscription databases are available from home or the library using your library card number and PIN number to gain access. To find the online databases, click the Catalogs tag on the Hawaii State Public Library System homepage (<http://www.librarieshawaii.org/>). Some good teen databases are listed below:

**Auto Repair Resource Center**  
**Biography Resource Center**  
**CQ Researcher**  
**Ebsco Animals**  
**Ferguson's Career Guidance Center**  
**History Resource Center**  
**Middle Search Plus**  
**NoveList**  
**Science Resource Center**  
**Student Research Center**  
**World Book Online**

## AUDIO BOOKS in CD Format

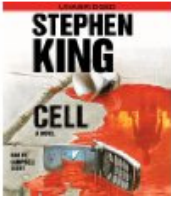
The popularity of audiobooks proves to us that no one is ever too old to listen to a story. A wide selection of borrowable books on cassette or CD is available at your local library either on the shelf or ready to be leant to you from another library branch in the state. Here are a few examples:



### **Feed**

By M.T. Anderson

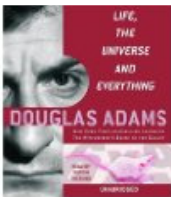
In this chilling novel, Anderson imagines a society dominated by the **feed** a next-generation Internet/television hybrid that is directly hardwired into the brain. Teen narrator Titus never questions his world, in which parents select their babies' attributes in the conceptionarium, corporations dominate the information stream, and kids learn to employ the feed more efficiently in School. But everything changes when he meets home-schooled Violet, who thinks for herself, searches out news and asserts that "Everything we've grown up with the stories on the feed, the games, all of that it's all streamlining our personalities so we're easier to sell to."



## Cell

By Stephen King

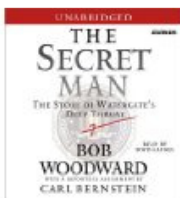
It's probably a good idea not to use your cell phone while you listen to Scott's beautifully understated reading of terrormeister King's latest take on technology run amok: you might just toss it down the nearest dumpster. In *Cell* King taps into readers' fears of technological warfare and terrorism. Mobile phones deliver the apocalypse to millions of unsuspecting humans by wiping their brains of any humanity, leaving only aggressive and destructive impulses behind. Those without cell phones, like illustrator Clayton Riddell and his small band of "normies," must fight for survival, and their journey to find Clayton's estranged wife and young son rockets the book toward resolution.



## Life, the Universe, and Everything

By Douglas Adams

The unhappy inhabitants of planet Krikkit are sick of looking at the night sky above their heads--so they plan to destroy it. The universe, that is. Now only five individuals stand between the white killer robots of Krikkit and their goal of total annihilation. Join Arthur Dent, earthling, "jerk", kneebiter and time-traveler; sexy space cadet Trillian; mad alien Ford Prefect; unflappable Slartibartfast; two-headed, three-armed ex-head Honcho of the Universe Zaphod Beeblebrox... and learn to fly. Is it the end? With Douglas Adams it's always up in the air!

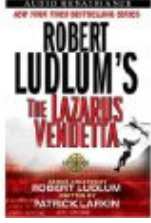


## The Secret Man: The Story of Watergate's Deep Throat

By Bob Woodward

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What keeps the listener riveted to this story is not the unmasking of an informer--it's the transformation of two men in a father-son-style relationship. Boyd Gaines's narration is particularly sensitive to this element, adding poignancy to Felt's deterioration and Woodward's reflections on his own aging. If ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN was a book about youth and the quest for truth, then Woodward's new book is, as he bills it, the antithesis--a story about aging and the quest for meaning.



## **The Lazarus Vendetta**

By Batrick Larkin

The fifth entry in the Ludlum-spawned Covert-One biotech series in which hand-to-hand action, intriguing science and plot speed will keep most techno-thriller readers nailed to their seats. Once a legitimate organization, the Lazarus Movement has been taken over by an evil scientist whose goal is—you guessed it—world domination. He has gotten hold of some nasty nanophages (submolecular organic machines) that cause humans to dissolve into a pool of bloody slime and have no qualms about releasing them on the unsuspecting public.

### **DOWNLOADABLE e-BOOKS**

Find e-book titles online in the library's catalog or search the e-Books/Audio/Music section for something of interest. Download the titles for free to your home computer or hand-held device and read your heart out in the new-fangled way.

## **Coraline**

By Neil Gaiman

The day after they moved in, Coraline went exploring... In Coraline's family's new flat are twenty-one windows and fourteen doors. Thirteen of the doors open and close, the fourteenth is locked...

## **The Lightning Thief**

By Rick Riordan

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson is about to be kicked out of boarding school...again. No matter how hard he tries, he can't seem to stay out of trouble. But can he really be expected to stand by and...

## **City of Ember**

By Jeanne DuPrau

The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race. Two hundred years later, the great lamps that light the city are beginning to flicker. Then Lina finds part of an ancient message...

## **Fairest**

By Gail Carson Levine

Aza is far from beautiful. With pale skin and blood-red lips (not to mention ungainly size), she is seen as odd, at best. But Aza does have one blessing: a voice of astonishing beauty. In Ayortha...