



NEWS IS GETTING AROUND THE PACIFIC

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**Hawaii State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
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SUMMER READING PROGRAM

READ LIKE A CREATURE OF HABIT is part of the PAWS, CLAWS, SCALES AND TAILS theme of the Summer Reading Program 2006. Read a book and get a prize every week, from June 12 to July 15. Register and attend programs at your nearest public library or at the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Don't know what to read? Call and ask Lorna at 733-8444!

CREATURE FEATURE @ YOUR LIBRARY is the theme for the TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM, June 12 to July 15. For books and information about the shopping spree drawings, call Lorna at LBPH at 733-8444.

LIBRARY USER SURVEY

An LPBH user survey will be going out in August. It has been many years since a survey was taken. There is a majority of library users we have never met. We would like to know what you like about library services and what you want to see improved. We would also like to know about the technology you use, if any. Please mark and return, or call in your responses.

NEW STAFF AT LBPH

Cecile Vrba-Niland was hired in June to fill the vacant Library Assistant III position in the Public Services Section. She will oversee the daily retrieving and circulation of books and ensure that your books are sent on schedule. She sends greetings to you:

“Hi, my name is Cecile. I’ve lived in Hawaii for 24 years and worked for the DOE in part-time positions for the past 7 years. I’m married and I have a 15 year-old daughter. I love cooking, crafting and bon dancing.”

She will also be working at the circulation desk so if you hear an unfamiliar voice answering the telephone, introduce yourself and get acquainted!

DIGITAL BOOKS AND MACHINES

NLS is gearing up for the big revolution in 2008 when digital books and machines will roll out. The machine will be grey, half the size of the current machine, thinner, and also way lighter. Most books will be on one flash card, so there will be no need to take out the cartridge to turn it over. There will be no moving parts in the machine. The stop, read, and other keys will be light to the touch, not needing much strength. Sound quality will be better. In the future, you may even be able to download books at home with your computer! There will be testing by volunteer consumers this and next year to ensure the finished product will work well!

I had my car towed. There’s nothing wrong with it; that was just cheaper than buying a tank of gas.

--Jay Leno

HOLY BIBLE IN MP3

The New King James Version of the Holy Bible narrated by Cliff Barrows is available in MP3 format. Recently received from the Aurora Ministries this 2-disk Bible can be played on most computers, MP3 and DVD players and MP3 compatible CD players. Instructions on how to navigate through the Bible are at the beginning of the disk. This is available free to blind and print handicapped individuals. If you would like to listen to it before you get your own, call LBPH.

WEB-BRAILLE BACK!

For all you online Braille readers ... WebBraille is back up and running after being down for a week. A slight change has been made for added security. The change requires you to agree to abide by the eligibility and copyright rules before you can download each volume. NLS is reviewing this procedure and there may be changes in the future to streamline the process.

DESCRIBED MOVIES

Did you know that Dole Cannery Theaters, now called Regal Cinema, has one movie a week that is described?

Call for showtimes and the theater number before you go. When you purchase your ticket let them know that you are attending the described movie. They will give you a headset and a device.

Recently, the movies DA VINCI CODE and X-MEN were described for about 5 days each. The newspaper lists the described and captioned movies with the letters DA (descriptive audio) and OC (open caption for the Deaf). The phone number for Regal Cinema is 528-3653. Try it out!

NEWSLINE[®]

The National Federation of the Blinds' Newsline[®] service recently has added two new publications--AP NEWS related to Hawaii and a nationally recognized magazine DIABETES SELF MANAGEMENT. This now brings the number of available publications to over 225, spanning over 40 plus state and multiple cities.

For Hawaii, we have the HONOLULU ADVERTISER which is updated daily after 9 a.m. The Sunday edition is available for one week. All that is required is a touch tone telephone to hear your newspaper. Calls to Newsline[®] are TOLL-FREE to you.

You can become a subscriber and access this service for FREE by contacting the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped at (808) 733-8444 on Oahu, 1-800-559-4096 for Neighbor Islands, or by contacting the NFB of Hawaii's Newsline[®] coordinator, Charlene Ota, at (808) 224-1896 or sending her e-mail to: caota@hawaii.rr.com.

You can register online through the website of the National Federation of the Blind at: <http://www.nfb.org> and selecting Newsline[®]. When the next page comes up look for the "Register" link and complete the form online. You can also reach this same form through the website of the NFB of Hawaii at: <http://hi.nfbweb.org>.

Those who forgot their "UserID" and "PIN" should contact Charlene Ota through the contact information provided above.

What did the Yogi say to the hot dog vendor?
Make me one with everything. --Vogue

BRAILLE BOOK COLLECTION PROPOSAL

LBPH, as a Regional Library of NLS, has full-service for Braille books. It receives and keeps all Braille books produced since the program began 75 years ago.

NLS offers regional libraries three options for Braille collections.

- 1) Full-Service: maintain a complete collection of NLS produced titles
- 2) Full Contract: contract with full-service braille lending library for braille services;
- 3) Partial Contract: maintain current year and previous year Braille titles, keeping older titles deemed to be popular and frequently requested. Older titles can be interloaned from a full service-braille lending library by contract.

LBPH has evaluated the Braille collection and has decided that we would like to change to a Partial Contract Braille collection. With this option, LBPH will

- 1) receive one copy of every Braille book produced
- 2) keep the new books for two years
- 3) After the books are two years old, LBPH keeps the books wanted
- 4) offer the rest to other libraries.
- 5) New books will continue to be received
- 6) Of the current collection, LBPH will keep all children and young adult books, popular titles, classics and Hawaiiiana.

Reasons for taking this step:

- 1) Space is limited and more space is needed for storage of the new format coming in 2008
- 2) WebBraille, the NLS online Braille collection that can be downloaded, is being used by many of our Braille readers

- 3) Older braille books are accessible from the Braille Institute in California. Online braille can be downloaded and embossed.
- 4) A small percentage of Braille titles in the collection are borrowed. The rest are unused. There are currently 35 active Braille users. 9 are institutions and schools. Of the books borrowed, more than half are children's books. Most of the adult books are current titles. In federal FY 2004, 1062 volumes (approximately 531 titles) were borrowed out of a total of 32,106 volumes (approximately 16,053 titles).

This will be discussed with the Consumer Advisory Board on June 27, at their regular quarterly meeting. Representatives will take the information back to their respective groups for discussion.

If you have any comments or concerns, please call, email or write to Fusako Miyashiro at 733-8444, email at fusako@librarieshawaii.org. You may also write her at 402 Kapahulu Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii 96815.

HOLIDAYS WHEN THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED

Independence Day: July 4 (Tuesday)

Statehood Day: August 18 (Friday)

Labor Day: September 4 (Monday)

BRAILLE

HIB-244 HAWAII'S BEST LOCAL DISHES by Jean Watanabe Hee. Adult non-fiction. Hawaiiiana. Cookbook

CASSETTES

HIC-1344 A FOXHOLE VIEW: PERSONAL ACCOUNTS OF HAWAII'S KOREAN WAR VETERANS edited by Louis Baldovi. Adult non-fiction. Hawaiiiana. Korean War.

HIC-1345 HEALTH THROUGH CHINESE FOODS by Carolyn C. Choy. Adult non-fiction. Hawaiiiana. Health. Recipes.