



NEWS IS GETTING AROUND THE PACIFIC

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Hawaii State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
402 Kapahulu Avenue, Honolulu HI 96815
Phone 733-8444 Neighbor Islands call 1-800-559-4096

SAM

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) is implementing the SAM (Smart Access Manager) program that will automate reservations for the internet computer stations in public libraries. A library patron will be able reserve an internet computer or even a specific computer at the library of choice. This is done by going to the HSPLS website from home, or by using the PAC or Express computers at libraries. Some libraries will have Express computers that will give internet access for 15 minutes using your library card.

A reservation can be made for 1 one-hour session per week. During use, SAM will give three warnings before the session is over and will lock out at the end of the hour to accommodate the next user. SAM can be used for internet reservations in all Oahu libraries by the end of summer. After that, SAM will be installed on the Neighbor Islands. For those of you who want to use the accessible internet computers at HSL, Manoa, Pearl City, Waianae, Kaneohe, and LBPH, the accessible computers are labeled with a J to designate JAWS/Zoomtext. Let us know what you think about SAM!

ALOHA OE TO STAFF

Best wishes to Ruth Leeson, a Library Assistant IV in the Public Services Section who resigned to work in another department.

Congratulations to substitute LAIII Gerald Goff, who graduated in December with a MLS or library science degree, and left LBPH to fill a substitute librarian position at the Hawaii State Library. He is now the YA/Outreach librarian at Ewa Beach.

LBPH SURVEY

Don't forget to complete the LBPH survey and send it back to us, or call us with your responses by June 15, 2007. We look forward to getting your feedback about services, and what you want in the next year. Help us plan programs for your library!

GOOD BYE TO THE CASSETTE BOOK MACHINE

In February manufacturers made the last cassette book machine in preparation for the transition to digital talking book machines. But there still are a lot of cassette book machines on hand for all who want to use them. It will take a couple of years to supply all registered NLS users in the new format, so the cassette machine will still be in use. Besides, there will be more titles available in cassette than in digital format so many will want to continue using the cassette machine.

The exact date for the roll out for the new machines is unknown, but it will be in 2008. We look forward to the new machines and will let you know more as we get the information.

NEW FACTSHEET AVAILABLE

The National Library Service, NLS, has posted a new "Factsheet" on digital book players to its website at: <http://www.loc.gov/nls>.

OPAL ONLINE

OPAL or Online Programming for All Libraries offers internet users participation in library events nationwide. OPAL has book discussion groups, author reviews, tutorials, virtual museum tours and many other programs. There is an archive of previously recorded programs that you can listen to anytime. If you want to participate in a discussion group all you need is to download a free program. You will need to get your own microphone. A list of coming events can be sent to you by email. Check it out at www.opal-online.org.

KURZWEIL-NFB PORTABLE READING MACHINE

A portable, talking reading machine with the name of its creators, Kurzweil-National Federation of the Blind, is now available. The reader fits in the palm of your hand and weighs less than a pound. 30 seconds after holding the reader over a printed page and clicking a button, it starts reading aloud. For price and other information, call NFB at 877-708-1724.

An English professor wrote on the blackboard the words "A woman without her man is nothing" and told the students to punctuate it correctly.

Men wrote: A woman, without her man, is nothing.

Women wrote: A woman: without her, man is nothing.

“BOOKMARK” SWITCH

Never lose your place again! This remote is plugged into the REM port of your machine. This system works by depressing the switch to play. You need to depress the remote to listen to your book. If the remote is released, when you fall asleep for example, your player will stop. If you would like to try this remote, give us a call and let us know.

TREKKER/MAESTRO GPS

Eye of the Pacific Guide Dogs & Mobility Services, Inc. will be offering the Trekker/Maestro GPS unit to eligible applicants after completion of the training workshop in September. Applications for this mobility aid will be accepted only during the month of June. Interested individuals may call Eye of the Pacific Guide Dogs and Mobility Services at (808) 941-1088 for more information or to obtain an application.

Trekker is HumanWare's revolutionary orientation aid. It uses the Global Positioning System (GPS) and digital maps to help blind and visually impaired people find their way in urban and rural areas. It complements existing mobility aids (white canes and guide dogs). It does not replace them. The Maestro is the PDA unit that stores the global positioning data. In addition, the Maestro is loaded with features such as email, calendar, media player and Victor reader pocket! So, aside from knowing your global position in your environment, you will be able to read a book, listen to music, send and receive emails and a whole lot more!

All I really need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt!

--Lucy Van Pelt (Peanuts)

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

The “Large Print Book of Common Prayer” that includes the entire “Book of Common Prayer” (1979) of the Episcopal Church USA and the “Prayers & Psalms for Today” are available on CD. Send a self-addressed, stamped 6x9 inch envelope with three 41-cent stamps (or 4 stamps if using a padded envelope) to Ann Dahlen, 1900 6th Avenue, Apt. 513, Rock Island, IL 61201. Donations accepted but not required. Ms. Dahlen does this as a labor of love in memory of her father who was visually impaired.

NFB-LINK

The National Federation of the Blind offers a premier, one-stop resource where you can find information on career paths, educational opportunities, recreational activities, technology, and many other topics from successful blind and visually impaired people.

Through the power of the Internet, the innovative online mentoring program, NFB-LINK, pairs individuals seeking information about blindness with successful blind people. NFB-Link is the leading source for not only blind and visually impaired people, but also for parents, teachers, rehabilitation professionals and others who have an interest in blindness.

To access this one-of-a-kind service, visit www.nfbblink.org. For additional information about this program, Contact Rosy Carranza via email at rcarranza@nfb.org, or call her at: 410-659-9314, ext. 2283.

You can also contact the National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii at:

Phone Toll-Free: (866) 595-6123

FAX: (808) 595-6664

E-mail: nanifife@aol.com

If you don't want your dog to have bad breath, do what I do:
pour a little Lavoris in the toilet.

--Jay Leno

ACCESSIBLE GAMES

Accessible games that “depend on sound rather than sight to provide game cues” can be found at www.audiogames.net and www.game-accessibility.com. Check them out!

From “Three Rivers News”, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

FREE DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE

You can get free telephone directory assistance for anywhere in the United States. Dial 1-800-373-3411 (373-FREE) or on the internet, www.free411.com. Give a name, a city and a state and you will get a response.

Here at Hawaii LBPH both ways were tried and we got the information immediately. Try it out!

Information from “Hoosier Highlights”, newsletter of the Indiana Talking Book & Braille Library.

HOLIDAYS WHEN THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED

Independence Day: July 4 (Wed)
Statehood Day: August 17 (Fri)
Labor Day: September 3 (Mon)

NEW BRAILLE BOOKS

- HIB-245 HAWAII'S GLAMOUR DAYS by Maili Yardley. Young Adult nonfiction. Hawaiiiana. Hawaii—anecdotes.

NEW LOCALLY PRODUCED CASSETTE BOOKS

- HIC-1381 ALOHA 'OE by Leslie Ann Hayashi. Juvenile nonfiction. Hawaiiiana. Hawaiian songs.
- HIC-1382 BROKEN TRUST: GREED, MISMANAGEMENT & POLITICAL MANIPULATION AT AMERICA'S LARGEST CHARITABLE TRUST by Samuel P. King and Randall W. Roth. Adult nonfiction. Hawaiiiana. Kamehameha Schools/Bernice Pauahi Bishop Estate—trials, litigations, etc.
- HIC-1383 HAWAIIAN SON: THE LIFE AND MUSIC OF EDDIE KAMAE by James Houston with Eddie Kamae. Adult nonfiction. Hawaiiiana. Musicians—Hawaii—Biography.
- HIC-1384 CHILDREN OF A FIRELAND: A NOVEL by Gary Pak. Adult fiction. Hawaiiiana. (Explicit sex and strong language)
- HIC-1385 WILCOX MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY by Pat L. Griffin. Adult nonfiction. Hawaiiiana. Hospitals—Kauai—History.
- HIC-1386 HISTORIC NA'ALEHU: HAWAII'S DEEP SOUTH by Marge and Dennis Elwell. Adult nonfiction. Hawaiiiana. Naalehu (Hawaii)—History.



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