



NEWS IS GETTING AROUND THE PACIFIC

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NEW STATE LIBRARIAN

The Hawaii State Public Library System welcomed its new State Librarian, Richard Burns, on January 2, 2008. Mr. Burns has had extensive experience in the library field, even clerical work. He has been a children's young adult, and bookmobile librarian. Prior to this appointment, he was the branch manager who opened the brand new Kapolei Public Library.

Mr. Burns visited LBPH in February. It is an honor that he came in the first few weeks in his position to visit staff and learn about LBPH and its services. In turn, the staff learned of his major goals for HSPLS. We look forward to working with the new State Librarian and extend our aloha and best wishes.

NEW HSL DIRECTOR

Diane Eddy has been selected as the new director of the Hawaii State Library. She will start her new position on March 1. She also oversees LBPH.

Miss Eddy has been branch manager for several large branch libraries in HSPLS and also was the Hawaii Branch Manager of Waldenbooks. She visited with staff in February and then attended LBPH's Consumer Advisory Board meeting. We appreciate her interest in LBPH and its patrons. Welcome and Aloha Miss Eddy.

CASSETTE BOOK MACHINE REPAIR WORKSHOPS

LBPH has scheduled machine repair workshops. Kevin Watson from the NLS Engineering Section will conduct the workshops for staff and volunteers who wish to learn how to repair Cassette Book Machines (CBM). These workshops will be held on April 3 and 4, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Salt Lake Public Library building, second floor.

The transition period of CBMs to the digital machine may be extended, depending on funding. Since no new CBMs are manufactured and parts supplies are diminishing, there is an urgent need to take good care of the machines in stock.

VISIT FROM NLS

Michael Katzmann, Chief of the Materials Development Division of NLS, who is overseeing the transition of audio cassette player to the new digital machine and books will be here in April. There will be two public meetings on Oahu and two on a Neighbor Island where he will answer all questions regarding the digital players and books that are scheduled to roll out at the end of 2008. He will be accompanied by David Whittall, NLS Consultant for the Western and Midwestern States Regional Libraries.

The dates have not been confirmed as of this newsletter's printing. A flyer will be sent out when the dates are confirmed. There will be a coffee hour in their honor. Please join us.

If at first you don't succeed, try, try, again. Then give up.
There's no use in being a damn fool about it.

--W. C. Fields

CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION OF BRAILLE COURSES

For 63 years, the National Library Service (NLS) was responsible for promoting the learning of Braille by offering correspondence Braille and Braille proofreading classes and administering the certification process. NLS will continue to oversee the Braille program and issue Braille certificates for those who complete the courses. However, in 2007, a change occurred when NLS awarded a contract to the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) to conduct and administer the Braille and Braille proofreading courses leading to certification.

Individuals wishing to take these courses or learn more about them can contact the NFB by calling (612) 767-5658 or email transcribers@nfb.org.

TAX FORMS

IRS tax documents in Braille will no longer be sent automatically to Regional libraries, per past practice. If you would need IRS tax documents in special formats, call or write to the following:

Phone: 1-800-829-3676 for hard-copy Braille or large print

To see a list of downloadable copies in Braille, text and Braille, go to the following website:

<http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/article/0,,id=131773,00.html>

Questions about IRS documents in alternate formats should be directed to Maureen Goulder, IRS Alternative Media Center at -804-916-8850 or email her at Maureen.p.goulder@irs.gov

The nice thing about being senile is that you can hide your own Easter eggs.

NEW CASSETTE MAGAZINE

Starting this month a new magazine will be available on a turnaround basis:

TTT3 TIMELY TOPICS FROM TIME

Selected articles from each weekly issue of Time Magazine. Covers international affairs, business, and personalities.

Please call us if you are interested in receiving it.

TELEPHONE EDUCATION WORKSHOP ON CANCER

“CancerCare” presents free telephone workshops on cancer-related topics. No phone charges are incurred. You can register by calling 1-800-813-4673 (HOPE) or online at www.cancercare.org. After you register, more information will be sent to you.

To listen to past programs, an archive is accessible at 1-888-337-7533, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

PRINT-BRAILLE BOOKS

BrailleInk is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the experience of reading by providing materials in both print and Braille in a unique, easy-to-use format that encourages shared reading and promotes Braille awareness. Their high-quality, popular children's books are used by children with visual impairments, adult Braille readers who want to share a book with a sighted child, families, teachers and librarians as a fun, accessible example of Braille for sighted children. Visit www.brailleink.org, or call 800-324-2919 or 512-206-9252.

AUDIOBOOKS

The University of South Florida's Lit2Go collection of mp3 audiobooks is now available through iUniversity. Aimed at K- 12 students, the collection includes classic literature as well as math and logic texts. Visit <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>.

MORE BRAILLE BOOKS

Travelbraille.com has started a new series called Literature for Young Readers. The first books in the series include such classics as To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee, Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger and Ken Kesey's One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest.

HOLIDAYS WHEN THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED

Good Friday: March 21 (Fri)
Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Day: March 26 (Wed)
Memorial Day: May 26 (Mon)
King Kamehameha I Day: June 11 (Wed)

CASSETTES

- HIC-1390 MOLOKA'I by Alan Brennert. Adult fiction. Hawaiiiana. Historical fiction.
- HIC-1391 THE STORY OF KOLOA: A KAUA'I PLANTATION TOWN, by Donald Donohugh. Adult nonfiction. Hawaiiiana. Koloa—History.
- HIC-1393 Hawaii's forgotten history, 1900-1999: the good—the bad—the embarrassing by Rich Budnick. Adult nonfiction. Hawaiiiana. Hawaii—History—Chronology.



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