

BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL MEETING
May 15, 2008
State Librarian's Report

1. Lanai Public and School Library closing for renovations

Lanai Public and School Library is scheduled to close for accessibility, health & safety improvements beginning June 9th. Renovations include repairing the roof, resurfacing the handicapped parking stalls, upgrading (enlarging) the existing ADA-compliant restroom, replacing the partitions in the public restrooms, painting the interior walls, and replacing the carpet and floor tiles. These projects are expected to be completed by late August, and the reopening date has yet to be determined.

When the library is closed, staff will be relocated to a classroom at Lanai High & Elementary School, from which they will offer limited services, including conducting the annual Summer Reading Programs for Children, Young Adults and Adults. The bookdrop will remain open for the duration of this project.

The Lanai Public and School Library staff is to be commended for their creative efforts to continue public services and present the Summer Reading Program even as their library is undergoing renovation.

2. Hawaii Book and Music Festival

For the first time, the Hawaii State Public Library System will be represented at the Hawaii Book and Music Festival, which will take place this weekend, May 17 and 18 from 10 am to 5 pm in Honolulu Hale's Civic Center Park. This annual event will feature 150 performances, presentations, demonstrations, signings and other events by over 350 celebrated local, national and international authors, poets, storytellers, playwrights, performers, crafters, songwriters, composers, arrangers and musicians. For more information, please go to www.hawaiibookandmusicfestival.org.

3. Presentation on the Hawaii State Public Library System's new e-Reference Service

Patrick McNally, has joined us today to inform us about the new electronic reference service being offered at the Hawaii State Library.

4. Presentation on Two Young Adult Projects: Kawaii Kon and Free Comic Book Day

Hillary Chang, acting branch manager at McCully-Moiliili Public Library, has once again represented HSPLS at the Kawaii Kon, has participated in the nationwide Free Comic Book Day program, and has a report for us on both these events.