

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**July 17, 2008**

### **State Librarian's Report**

#### **1. Conference on Literature and Hawaii's Children**

The Fourteenth Biennial Conference on Literature and Hawaii's Children took place June 26-28 at the University of Hawaii's Manoa Campus Center. The conference is a celebration for everyone interested in children's literature in Hawaii, and this year's Conference featured author Ralph Fletcher and illustrator/book designer Barry Moser. Special programs included "Let's Talk About Ralph Fletcher" discussion sessions in various public libraries, a writing contest, an art contest, as well as an exhibit of Moser's artwork at the Honolulu Academy of Arts (this exhibit ends August 3). Three Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) librarians served on the steering committee for this event, including Vicky Dworkin and Melissa de Leon of the Hawaii State Library's Edna Allen Room and Janet Yap of Liliha Public Library.

#### **2. American Library Association Annual Conference**

Eight HSPLS staff members were among the more than 22,000 people who attended the American Library Association's Annual Conference from June 26 to July 2 in Anaheim, California. The conference featured more than 300 programs related to all types of libraries, including public, school, academic, military and special libraries. Among the more than 1,500 vendors who provided information about their products and services were a number of Integrated Library System providers, who were of special interest to the HSPLS staff members in attendance as we begin the lengthy process of replacing our current system.

#### **3. Hawaii Book and Music Festival**

For the first time, the Hawaii State Public Library System was a participant in the Hawaii Book and Music Festival, which was held over the weekend of May 17-18 in Honolulu Hale's Civic Center Park. The festival featured 150 events by over 350 celebrated local, national and international authors, poets, storytellers, playwrights, performers, crafters, songwriters, composers, arrangers, and musicians. HSPLS staff from Aina Haina to Kapolei helped staff our booth, distributing Library Bags, information about our various programs and services, and awarding compact disks as prizes for game participants. A more detailed written report is included in your packets.

#### **4. Presentation on the Hawaii State Public Library System's 2008 Infant and Toddler Summer Reading Program**

For the first time, all HSPLS libraries participated in our Infant and Toddler Summer Reading Program. Children's Librarian Vicky Dworkin from the Hawaii State Library's Edna Allen Room joins us this afternoon to summarize this program.