

BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL MEETING
May 1, 2008
State Librarian's Report

1. Nene Awards Ceremony May 9

The Nene Award is presented annually to the favorite children's book as voted by fourth through sixth graders in Hawaii. This year's award will be announced at 10 am on Friday, May ninth on the battleship USS Missouri. Awards will also be presented to winners in the Digital Arts, Essay, Poster and Performance Contests. The Nene Award is sponsored by the Hawaii State Public Library System, the Hawaii Association of School Librarians, the Hawaii Library Association and the Friends of the Library of Hawaii.

2. Hawaii Kai and Nagoya Lions Clubs donate to Hawaii Kai Public Library

For the twenty-first time, the Hawaii Kai Public Library is the recipient of donations from the Hawaii Kai and Nagoya Lions Clubs. These sister clubs donated \$1,000 each to the Library, and as in years past the Nagoya Lions Club also donated a cultural item to the Library. Branch Manager Colleen Lashway accepted a Wakaido drum, which is a calling drum similar to those used by the emperor to call people to attend ceremonies or to hear announcements. The drum and other donations from past years are on display in Hawaii Kai Public Library.

3. 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 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.

4. Presentation on Programs and Services for the Ka'u District Public Libraries

Dawn Shibano is Branch Manager at Pahala Public and School Library, and she also supervises library operations at the Naalehu Public Library. She is here to give us an overview of public library programs and services in the Ka'u District.