

**BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
September 2 , 2010**

State Librarian's Report

1. Kauai Teen Summer Reading Program Finale – Kauai

Iyahna Kai Rathje, received an Apple iPod Touch as Kauai's Grand Prize Winner in the 2010 Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) and Hawaii Pizza Hut Teen Summer Reading Program. Iyahna's name was drawn from among six finalists representing each of Kauai's public libraries. The iPod Touch was donated by Hawaii Pizza Hut, the primary corporate sponsor of the Teen Summer Reading Program for the past 18 years. Approximately 3,000 teens statewide participated in the annual HSPLS Teen Summer Reading Program, reading nearly 23,000 books.



Greg Nitta, Kapaa Public Library (l), iPod Touch winner Iyahna Kai Rathje (center), and Jolyn Galliza from Kapaa Pizza Hut

2. Children's Summer Reading Program Winners Selected

Five lucky participants each won a \$50 Borders gift card in the 2010 HSPLS Children's Summer Reading Program Grand Prize Drawing. The five names were selected by officials from Hawaiian Telcom, one of the program's major sponsors, and the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, the overall sponsor of all our summer reading programs. The winners are:

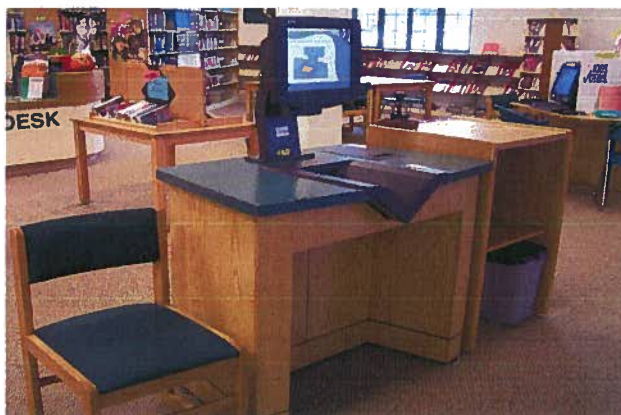
Torie Takeuchi, Aiea Public Library participant (West Oahu)
Chad Ikegami, Aina Haina Public Library participant (East Oahu)
Kelson Gallano, Pahala Public & School Library participant (Hawaii Island)
Quinn Curammeng, Hanapepe Public Library participant (Kauai)
Fushia Momoa, Hana Public & School Library participant (Maui County)

3. HSPLS Receives \$59,370 in Tax Refund Donations

Hawaii's public libraries received more than \$59,000 in tax refund donations for the first half of 2010 as thousands of taxpayers once again demonstrated their support for the Hawaii State Public Library System by donating a portion of their 2009 tax refunds to the HSPLS Special Fund. These monies will be used to purchase high demand books and DVDs for Hawaii's public libraries statewide.

4. Two Maui Libraries will Receive Self-Checkout Units

The Maui Friends of the Library have generously provided funding for Self Checkout stations in Kihei and Lahaina Public Libraries. The 3M V2 Self Check stations, valued at more than \$25,000 each, feature easy-to-use touch screens, step-by-step instructions, and a distinctive "V" design that helps patrons position items correctly for checkout. The system is able to process books, magazines, videos, CDs and DVDs. Other libraries offering the Self Checkout option are Hilo and Kapolei Public Libraries. We are very grateful to the Maui Friends of the Library for their continuing support for Maui County libraries.



SelfCheck station in Kapolei Public Library

5. Teens' Top Ten

Teens' Top Ten, sponsored by the American Library Association, encourages 12 to 18 year olds from across the country to vote online for their favorite books. Votes may be cast at www.ala.org/teenstopten from August 23 to September 17, and winners will be announced during Teen Read Week, October 17 — 23.

6. Hanapepe Public Library Programs and Services

Branch Manager Karen Ikemoto joins us this afternoon with an update on library programs and services at Hanapepe Public Library.

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HANAPEPE PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



Aloha Chair Toguchi and Members of the Board of Education:

My name is Karen Ikemoto and I am the Branch Manager at Hanapepe Public Library. Thank you for this opportunity to present to you a brief report on programs and services at our Library.

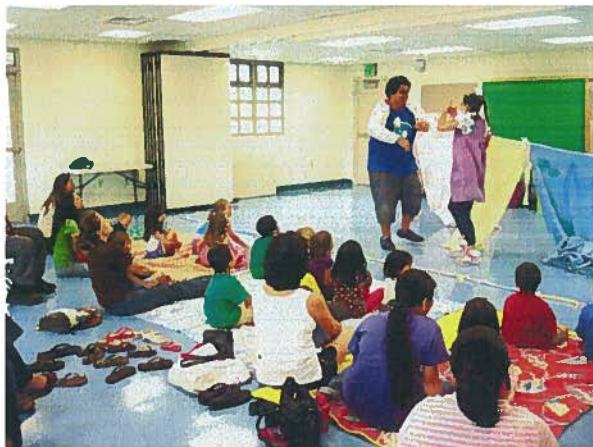
Our library is one of two libraries on Kauai that are open on Saturdays. We have three public service staff and are open 39 ½ hours per week including evening hours until 8 PM on Thursdays. We have the only public copier within 7 miles. We offer free access to our Ellison stencil machine which is used heavily by students for school projects, by teachers for crafts and displays and by the public for artwork and parties.

The library building was first intended to be a police station, but due to overwhelming support from the community, plans were changed and our library opened its doors on February 10, 1950. This year marks our 60th anniversary and we were able to celebrate with the dedication of the library's new meeting room/auditorium in March.

The meeting room project began in 1992 with an expansion study by Yamasato, Fujiwara, Aoki & Associates. In December 2005, Mitsunaga & Associates was selected to design the expansion and site improvements project and in March 2007, Governor Lingle released \$1.7 million in construction funds. Pacific Blue Construction began work on this project on September 23, 2008, and our new room was completed in October, 2009. In March, members of our community, dignitaries and the special people who helped with this project joined us for the auditorium's dedication ceremony and library's 60th anniversary celebration. The new building was blessed by Rev. Kauilani Kahalekai and we were so happy to have former Representative Bertha Kawakami helping to untie the maile lei, and to have Board Member Maggie Cox in attendance. Refreshments were served and attendees were treated to some lively entertainment by the Hanapepe Seniors.

The new meeting room includes an interior of 1749 square feet and a covered lanai for a total of 2210 square feet. The facility is handicapped accessible, air conditioned, has a seating capacity of 60 and is available even when the library is closed. If you visit our

library, you will also notice that our entire grounds have been relandscaped and our parking lot and walkways resurfaced.



HTY's Keiko and Louie, first children's program in the new auditorium



Young artists build a coral reef mural

393 readers participated in this year's Summer Reading Programs, reading a total of 6,031 books. Our children loved receiving their free books donated by the First Book program and teens and adults were delighted to receive a "Hawaii Warrior Football" or "Iz" book donated by Bess Press. In addition to the wonderful prizes provided statewide by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii and community sponsors, we were fortunate to receive support from local business and the Friends of Hanapepe Public Library. Lappert's Kauai generously donated 200 waffle cone coupons for our participants and Borders Books and Music Kauai donated "New Moon" items, sundry kits, games and greeting cards for Kauai Library District. Upon receiving her prize, one adult participant commented, "Now I know why my children get so excited about reading every summer!"

Our library continues to serve as a gathering place for people in the community. It is a place for families and friends to come together to learn and to enjoy activities in a safe, comfortable and friendly environment. In addition to story times and class visits, we host a variety of educational and recreational programs for all ages. This summer, Monika Mira taught children through art about the ecology of the coral reef in her "Build a Coral Reef" program. Retired teacher Takeshi Fujita introduced us to the beauty and variety of sea life on our reef walk at Salt Pond. HTY's "Keiko & Louie – Best Best Friends (Mostly)" program had all the young children in giggles. And through the support of the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, our community was able to experience nationally known guest storytellers, Lyn Ford, Dianne Ferlatte and Jeff Gere. Informational programs included workshops on Social Security online, H1N1, and the Legislative Public Access Room.

Whenever possible we try to partner with community groups to sponsor programs and to participate in events in our community. One of the most lively and fun events was held with the seniors from the Hanapepe Neighborhood Center when speaker Shan Anderson spoke about "Why I visit Kauai from the Mainland every year". As part of the

program, Larry Rivera presented an impromptu concert and even danced a waltz. The library also participated in West Kauai Hongwanji Mission's Children's Day Festival, and the Storybook Theater's Peace Garden Celebration at Hanapepe Park. We also serve as a volunteer site for the Retired Senior and Volunteer Program and have helped to organize and set up the library at the Hanapepe United Church of Christ.

Many of our activities are presented through the Friends of Hanapepe Public Library. Most popular with our patrons are the oshibana (pressed flower) cards and bookmarks, and iris folding greeting card programs. Other Friends programs include yarn, flower and ti leaf lei making, painting ceramics, plastic canvas crafts, and kimono dressing for bon dance. We were delighted when, in August 2009, Hanapepe Friends volunteer, Takeshi Fujita was honored as one of Kauai Museum's Living Treasures.

So much of what we accomplish at our library is due to our friendly and efficient staff and the support of the Westside community. We were so happy when on February 11, 2010 Library Technician Marjorie Akita was honored as one of recipients of the Friends of the Library of Hawaii 2009 Excellence in Service Award. We congratulate her on this well-deserved recognition.



Excellence in Service Award Winner Margie Akita and Betty Ihara of the Friends of Hanapepe Library



Oshibana bookmark making with Hanapepe Seniors Center

Improvements continue to be made to our library facility. Work is scheduled to begin within the next few months to install a photovoltaic system on our roof and the main library will be reroofed. The library has also been fitted for flood gates which will be installed at entrances whenever there is a tsunami or hurricane.

Thank you for your help and caring support for our public libraries. When in sunny Hanapepe, you are always welcome to come visit our library and see our new meeting room. With your continued support, we hope to serve this community that we love for at least another 60 years!