

**BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING  
August 5, 2010**

**State Librarian's Report**

**1. New Online Databases Available**

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) and the Hawaii Library Consortium have negotiated a new contract with EBSCO for access to a large collection of online databases. The new contract includes the addition of the following databases at no additional cost:

*Newspaper Source Plus*

More than 700 full-text newspapers, providing more than 31 million full-text articles; and nearly 700,000 television and radio news transcripts.

*Small Business Reference Center*

Current information from nearly 400 full-text periodicals and over 450 full-text reference books, including topics such as starting and growing a company; business plans, operations, sales and management; a help & advice section; and interviews, lectures and videos. Also includes a collection of state-specific resources with demographic data and other local information.

*Consumer Health Complete*

Designed to provide health care information for the everyday consumer. Medical encyclopedias, popular reference books, magazine articles, health pamphlets, videos and animations; plus reports on diseases, drugs, conditions, injuries, procedures, and alternative health information.

To begin your search in these or any of HSPLS' databases, please visit: <http://hspls.org/serials/databases.html>. You will need your HSPLS library card number and PIN (personal identification number) in order to access these subscription databases from outside an HSPLS library.

**2. Administrative Rules Changes Effective August 5**

The Board of Education has approved a complete revision of the HSPLS Administrative Rules, and we have begun implementing these changes as of today, August 5. The change that has the potential to affect most patrons is the implementation of a uniform fine structure, under which all overdue materials will all have a fine of 25 cents per day, with a maximum of \$7.50 per item. This fine structure now applies to books, cds and dvds, as well as materials borrowed on children, teen and adult cards. These changes are outlined in this month's Holo I Mua newsletter as well as in other publicity items.

### **3. Teens' Top Ten**

12 to 18 year olds from across the country will be voting for their favorite books from August 23 to September 17. Votes may be cast online at [www.ala.org/teenstopten](http://www.ala.org/teenstopten), and winners will be announced during Teen Read Week, October 17 – 23.

### **4. Nominations for Public Librarian of the Year and Excellence in Service Awards Due by August 15**

The Friends of the Library of Hawaii and Native Books/Na Mea Hawaii are co-sponsors of the annual Librarian of the Year and Excellence in Service Awards, and nominations are being accepted from now until August 15. Nomination forms are available at all HSPLS libraries, and from the Friends. For more information, visit the Friends' website at [www.friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.com](http://www.friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.com), call 536-4174, or send an e-mail to [friends@friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org](mailto:friends@friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org).

### **5. Molokai Public Library Programs and Services**

Branch Manager Sri Tencate is here this afternoon with an update on library programs and services at Molokai Public Library.

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**MOLOKAI PUBLIC LIBRARY – PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

Members of the Board of Education – Aloha.

Thank you for the opportunity to present a brief report on programs and services at Molokai Public Library.

Molokai Public Library, the only public library on the island, opened its doors in 1937. It was placed on the Hawaii Register of Historic Places in 1993. Due to its central location in Kaunakakai, it is a favorite gathering place for residents and visitors. We offer regular programs that include a weekly after school story hour, a weekly Reading Partners/Keiki Kupuna program for elementary school children and a monthly Read to Me for toddlers and preschoolers. Sponsored by the Friends of Molokai Public Library and Read to Me, our Read 2 Your Baby program, which began in 2005, has provided hundreds of book bags to babies born to Molokai parents.

Our services extend beyond the library walls. In 2006, the 34-year old bookmobile was replaced by a new van which is used to provide bookmobile services to Kualapuu and Maunaloa Elementary Schools, the four preschools, and the Alu Like Kupuna Center. Our library also participates in the Annual Molokai Senior Fair at Home Pumehana Senior housing, the Annual Molokai Keiki Fair at Mitchell Pau'ole Center, and the RAP (Read Aloud Program) at the public schools. To promote library use, reading, and family literacy, one of our patrons who works for the USDA, has a monthly thematic display of our library books at Molokai airport. In collaboration with Molokai High & Intermediate School Hawaiian Language Immersion, we hosted cultural performances from New Zealand and the Pacific Island regions. Community events, such as the Lion's Club Halloween costume contest and the Aloha Week festivities are held annually on the library front lawn and they attract a huge crowd.

This year, our library received a grant from First Book to distribute 570 new books to Molokai school children. This summer, 409 patrons, who joined the Summer Reading Program, read more than 5250 books and 320 people attended four special events made possible through the generosity of the Friends of the Library, our corporate sponsors, and the UH Manoa Statewide Cultural Extension Program.

Our library is open five days a week, 7.5 hours a day. Since we hope that furlough days are behind us, our weekly Wednesday evening hours have been

restored. Our six well-used computer stations support about 160 weekly sessions. In 2006, a program called JAWS (Job Access With Speed) was installed at one of the public computers. It allows users who are blind or have low vision to access popular applications to word process, e-mail, or surf the net. One of our patrons, who comes to the library every Friday to use the program, is very pleased with this service.

In the absence of a theater and book stores like Borders or Barnes and Nobles, our community enjoys the pleasure of visiting the library for print materials and on-line information, popular movies, and music cds. During tax season, the public can obtain tax forms and pertinent tax information from materials in our collection.

The capacity of the reading rooms is 60 and our library was built without a meeting room. On many occasions, program attendance was well over 80 to 100, so it can be quite a challenge to comply with the safety and fire code. In 2008, the Governor approved and released \$42,000 for the planning phase of the library expansion of our library. We are excited that the master plan is in place and expect the expansion to become a reality in the very near future.

We asked some patrons to express their thoughts on the importance of the library and their concerns on the limited library space. The following slide show features our programs and services.

Mahalo for your continuing support. We invite you to visit our library.

Sri TenCate  
Branch Manager