

**BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**December 2, 2010**  
**State Librarian's Report**

**1. HSPLS Recruitment Continues**

HSPLS is currently recruiting for Library Assistant IV, Library Technician V, and Librarian III, IV, V. Recruitment will continue until staffing needs for these positions are met. Interested applicants must apply online via the Department of Human Resources Development's State Job Information website: <http://www.hawaii.gov/hrd/main/esd/>.

**2. Oahu Libraries Begin Distributing Generations Magazine**

Oahu's libraries are now major distribution partners with Generations Magazine, a new, free magazine focusing on the interests and needs of our patrons and visitors who are over 50 years old. The Magazine's mission is to provide mature readers with trusted and valuable information via print media, the web ([www.generations808.com](http://www.generations808.com)) and live radio (Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm, KNDI AM 1270). Visit any Oahu Public Library to pick up a copy of this interesting and valuable resource.

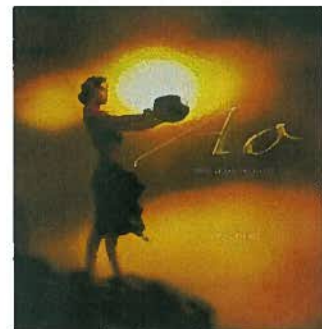


**3. Letters About Literature**

Letters About Literature is an annual national reading and writing program sponsored by the Library of Congress' Center for the Book, the Hawaii Center for the Book and Target. Students in grades 4-12 are asked to write a letter to an author who inspired them and winning letter writers can win gift certificates and even a trip to Washington D.C. To enter, go to the Letters About Literature website at <http://www.lettersaboutliterature.org/>. Deadline is December 10th, 2010. For more information, please call the Hawaii State Library at 586-3555.

**4. Linda Ching's A'o Donated to all HSPLS Libraries**

Board Member Kim Coco Iwamoto donated 51 copies of Linda Ching's new photography book A'o, Ten Years of Light to HSPLS on November 23. Each library will receive a copy of this pictorial and poetic tribute to Hawaiian values, which was the culmination of 10 years of photography in the islands.



## **5. Lanai Public and School Library Programs and Services**

Peggy Fink, our hostess and Manager of Lanai Public and School Library is here to discuss programs and services at this library.



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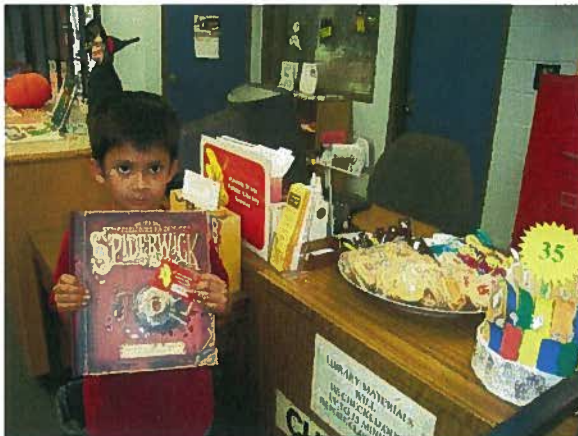
### LANAI PUBLIC AND SCHOOL LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Chairperson Toguchi and Members of the Board of Education:

Good Afternoon. My name is Peggy Fink and I am the Branch Manager of the Lanai Public and School Library. Located on the grounds of Lanai High and Elementary School, and a block from the town center, the library is easily accessible to the island's residents and the students and faculty members of the school. The library was designed by architect Edwin T. Maruyama, and opened its doors to the public on October 15, 1975.



Due to the upcoming reroofing and air condition replacement scheduled for this fall, we did not plan a big celebration for our 35th anniversary. Every 35<sup>th</sup> borrower won a prize, and a platter of snacks and bottled water were placed at the circulation desk for our patrons to take when they leave the library. Our dedicated volunteers and board members of the Friends of Lanai Library were treated to a late afternoon pupus. Our library assistant Natalie Pacheco put together a collage with pictures dating to pre-construction of the building, staff throughout the years, and patrons participating in various library programs. The collage is on display until the end of the year.



Two summers ago, the library was closed for accessibility, health & safety improvements. Operating out of a classroom, we maintained our regular hours of operations, providing public services as well as presenting the Summer Reading Program. As mentioned earlier, the building is scheduled for another major renovation, and we will again stay operational with full public services. Access to certain collections will be restricted depending on which area is being worked on. If it were necessary to close the library, patrons would have to travel to Lahaina on the ferry to reach the closest library or fly to Honolulu. Thus closing the library is the last option. Taking health and safety issues into consideration, we agree it is doable to work inside the building during the 12 weeks of renovation.

Lanai's transition from agriculture to tourism over the last two decades has attracted a diversity of people from the neighbor islands, the mainland and many foreign countries to work at the hotels. We see an increase in the borrowing of adult materials such as popular and literacy fiction, classics, books on local history, food and wine, travel guidebooks to exotic places, and foreign language learning CDs. The library has an impressive collection of DVDs, about 3,400 titles, 11 percent of which are foreign films. Patrons have commented positively on the foreign movies and their exposure to other spoken languages and cultures. For a small library, we carry 75 magazine titles including the Maui News, Honolulu Star Advertiser, Hawaii Pacific News and the Wall Street Journal.

My motto to the patrons: do not leave home without it, the library card is better than a credit card, allowing you to access information, use the Internet, borrow books, magazines, music CDs and DVDs at zero percent interest charge. Well, yes we do charge DVD rentals, a dollar per week and it's still the best bargain in town.

The library has the only public copier on the island and is the only place to provide federal and state tax forms. We have assisted with searching and printing forms from government web sites for people who are not comfortable going online. Our two Internet stations have been in much demand since the economic downturn two years ago.

Lanai Library is open 5 days a weeks, 12 months a year (the public assumes we operate on the same schedule as the school since we are located on campus.) Unlike many establishments in town, the library does not close for lunch. On Thursdays, the library opens from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. The system's electronic resources and e-book collection is available to our patrons 24/7.

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Library of Hawaii and Maui Friends of the Library, we were able to present various educational and recreational programs for all ages.



Folk Art of  
Chinese Paper Cutting



Sing Along with  
Uncle Wayne



Halloween  
Hat Decorating



YA SRP Reading Rocks  
Concert

Our library technician Chelsea Trevino, also fondly known as Aunty Chelsea, is remarkable with our young patrons during her weekly Keiki Story Time. She is dramatic and entertaining with her readings and sing-a-longs.



We have a monthly after-school craft program for the teens and children, making key chains with pony beads. This program is much anticipated by our patrons as well as our volunteers, as can be seen from the picture below: there is a long line of students waiting. The average attendance is 65.



Our library assistant Natalie Pacheco who enjoys reading Young Adult books, collaborates with the high school teacher Melissa Monroe in hosting the monthly YA Book Club. At the September meeting, members voted for their favorite books in the Teens' Top Ten contest sponsored by the American Library Association.

The Friends of Lanai Library formed in 1984 is now an affiliate of the Friends of the Library of Hawaii. The friends' ongoing in-house book sale generates about \$50 per month.

We are pleased to announce that the Maui Friends of the Library approved the library's request for \$9,000. The funds will be used towards starting a large type collection, revamping our popular manga collection with newer series titles, and increasing our DVD collection of Korean dramas and TV series.

I would like to conclude my report with a comment from a teenager, "I LOVE the library. I can read books, magazines, and movies. [Without the library] Life on Lanai would be HORRIBLE! Thank you library for being here. P.S. the service people are very friendly."

Thank you for your continuing support of the Hawaii State Public Library System.