

BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
March 18, 2010

State Librarian's Report

1. Hanapepe Public Library Auditorium Dedication

The recently completed Hanapepe Public Library Auditorium was dedicated last Thursday. Thanks to the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, the Friends of Hanapepe Public Library, the staff of Hanapepe Public Library and the people of Kauai for helping to make this a community celebration, and to Board Members who were able to attend the ceremony.



2. Furlough Days change to Fridays in March

HSPLS furlough days changed from our usual Wednesdays to Fridays during March, with all libraries and support offices closed on the 5th, 12th and tomorrow the 19th. On Friday, March 26, libraries will be closed for the Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole Holiday, and HSPLS furlough will return to Wednesdays for April and May.

3. Tax Forms Available in HSPLS Libraries

Hawaii State Tax Forms are available at all our public libraries once again this year, courtesy of a continuing partnership between the Hawaii State Public Library System and the Department of Taxation. Library staff will supply forms, but are not trained to assist with tax questions or preparation.

Federal forms will be available at select locations, as well as online at the Internal Revenue Service's website, www.irs.ustreas.gov/formspubs/index.html.

Forms for all states, as well as Federal forms, may be accessed around the clock remotely via our online database LegalForms, from Gale Cengage Learning. This database may be accessed at www.librarieshawaii.org: under "e-Resources" click on "Other Databases," scroll down to click on "LegalForms," then click on the appropriate link to individual state or federal tax offices.

Remember to donate a portion of your refund to the Hawaii Public Libraries Trust Fund by checking the box on your tax form.

4. Honolulu Theatre for Youth's "Keiko and Louie: Best Best Friends (Mostly)"

This production concludes its state-wide tour visiting the following Oahu libraries later this month:

Tuesday, March 23, 10:30 a.m. at Kalihi-Palama Public Library

Tuesday, March 23, 5:30 p.m. at Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library

Thursday, March 25, 10:30 a.m. at Hawaii Kai Public Library

This special interactive preschool performance uses humor, movement and participation to engage young audiences. This tour is sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, Marriott Resorts Hawaii, Ko Olina Resort & Marina, HMSHost, Meadow Gold Dairies, Hawaiian Telcom, City and County of Honolulu (for Oahu shows) and the National Endowment for the Arts.

5. Kahuku Public and School Library Bookmobile Project

Kahuku Public and School Library Manager Fran Corcoran joins us today for an update on their Bookmobile Project.

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Kahuku Public & School Library Bookmobile Project Update

Thank you for inviting me to tell you about the Kahuku Public and School Library Bookmobile Project.

When I last spoke with you about the Bookmobile it was still in the hopeful stage. Today we have wheels on the road and people waiting when we arrive—a great sign that we're filling a need.

We had a soft launch on October 12th with two stops, one at Hau'ula Civic Center and one at the Brigham Young University Faculty Housing farm area. We were hoping for permission to stop in the Hau'ula Shopping Center as the center of that community but the current managers would no allow us to do that.

It was good that we took a quiet first step as some of the longer shelves fell down under the burden of the books as they bounced along the country roads—an unexpected event! Then we had an ant attack and went on a hunt to find out how they were getting in and how to curtail this tiny patron. To top it off we had a rain leak from two of the windows causing mold to grow on some of the books.

The soft launch allowed us to try out our laptop computer connections with an extension cord and with the new generator since the BYUH site is on a grassy field. ..no available electrical outlet.

Lea Domingo, our Children's Librarian is also our Bookmobile Librarian.



Louis Prescott, our driver, is the mechanic who enabled us to get the renovation completed and is assuring that the vehicle is well maintained.



Currently we take the bookmobile out on Mondays. We have 3 routes which are repeated so that the bookmobile arrives on the day when the books are due. The bookmobile carried on its routes in December and January even when Kahuku Library was closed for renovation. Patrons were encouraged to visit it to return their books and borrow more.

In 2008 I had secured sites at shopping centers in Laie and Hau'ula, an elderly housing complex and was hoping for something in the Pupukea area to create 3 routs, each stopping at 3 sites. In the passage of time between the first inter-view with site managers and the time we were actually ready to be on the road the two shopping centers said "no" to my renewed request as did the elderly housing complex manager. The Pupukea Park District site is still being discussed.

Lea is finding more people are coming each month as word of mouth or viewing the eye-catching graphic wave draws them to see what it's all about. She has stories of kids choosing books and getting excited over what they find. Adults in the Ponds Assisted Living Center in Punaluu are excited, too. They like having the library come to them so they can choose from a variety of books, audio books and CDs. They're latching on to the idea of requesting titles which will be brought to them the next time the bookmobile stops at their site. Some of these patrons were active library users before mobility and health issues curtailed their visits. They appreciate that they don't have to leave home to get the same service.



I'm a former primary grade teacher and know the importance of reading over the summer to keep up the skills acquired during the school year. I'm hoping that our Summer Reading Program via bookmobile will attract the kids in the outlying areas: Laie, Ka'a'awa, Hau'ula and Sunset Beach to join the program, read for the incentives and in doing so maintain or even improve their reading abilities in an enjoyable way. Our records indicate only a few of the children in these areas have joined in the past.



This year the theme is "Make a Splash—Read" We are hoping having the books come closer to home along with the incentives (little gifts) for books read during the summer children will come to check out and read, read, read.

We're on the road with high expectations. So far the community support has provided the vehicle, the transformation into a bookmobile, the graphics on the outside for recognition, shelves, jump seat, the generator, air conditioner, lamps over the computers and gas for the engine. Funds to make these transformations possible amounted to \$25,000. Gas averages \$75 per month. The money for these expenses has been donated primarily by the Turtle Bay Resort as a result of their past five Seafood Festival Silent Auctions.

I inherited the idea of a local bookmobile from my predecessor and went into its conception without realizing how many steps are involved in such an undertaking. The computers with wireless access, the printer, books and bookends come from the library resources along with the staff. Thanks to the Administrative Services Branch under Keith Fujio for helping us meet requirements in insurance, licensing and identification as a state vehicle in order to service our community. Paola Saibene from the Library's Electronic Services Support Section told us how to identify bookmobile materials and smoothed out the process for us to use. Thankfully the Hawaii State Public Library System has wonderful leaders who offer helpful advice and direction.

If you see us at one of our sites, please stop in, say hello and check out our collection. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the Kahuku Public and School Bookmobile.

