Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) was recently awarded a $100,000 grant from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation and the American Library Association (ALA). HSPLS was among 21 recipients who shared $1.8 million in grants as part of the Smart investing @ your library initiative. The funding for this grant will be used to provide unbiased educational resources about personal finance and investing for library users of all ages.

**LIBRARY STATISTICS – January 2015**

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**LIBRARY PROGRAMS/EVENTS**

**DIAGNOSING THE FINANCIAL COSTS OF LONG TERM HEALTH CARE**

Tuesday, March 17, 1:00 p.m.
Kapolei Public Library

Are you aware of how much it costs to grow old? Today, the average life span is over 85 years. Do you think Medicare would cover long-term medical expenses for you and your family members? Karen Ho, a Financial Educator with a local federal credit union, will provide information to help you plan for your future and protect your financial resources. This one-hour session describes many of the important but little known facts about how much long-term health care costs. Program is suitable for ages 18 and older.
SPRING BREAK LEGO CLUB
March 16 to 20, 2:00 p.m.
Kahuku Public & School Library

During Spring Break, children of all ages are invited to participate in some LEGO challenge. Each day, children may visit the library to play with the Junior Maker/LEGO kit that was donated by the American Library Association’s Services for Children and LEGO Systems, Inc. This one-hour daily program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library at Kahuku. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

SPRING BREAK BEDTIME MATH
Wednesday, March 18, 10:00 a.m.
Kahuku Public & School Library

This Spring Break, children ages 5 to 11 are invited to visit the library in pajamas for some fun math games. There will be Toilet Paper Olympics, Flying Marshmallows, Zip Line Zoo, and much more! This three-hour program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library at Kahuku. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Honolulu Theatre for Youth presents

Created by the artist who brought you "Blue", "Auntie Martha and the Nene" and "Peter Rabbit", this age appropriate experience focuses on what makes us happy. Exploring empathy, kindness, friendship and things that make us smile, this free 30-minute performance is perfect for ages 3 and older. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Wednesday, March 18, 3:00 p.m.
Aina Haina Public Library

Friday, March 20, 3:00 p.m.
Lihue Public Library

Saturday, March 21, 11:00 a.m.
Princeville Public Library

Monday, March 23, 3:00 p.m.
Molokai Public Library

Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m
Wahiawa Public Library

Saturday, April 4, 10:30 a.m.
Kailua Public Library

Wednesday, April 8, 3:00 p.m.
Kaneohe Public Library

Saturday, April 11, 10:30 a.m.
Mililani Public Library

Saturday, April 11, 3:00 p.m.
Waianae Public Library

Tuesday, April 14, 5:00 p.m.
Kahului Public Library
Friday, April 17, 2:30 p.m.  
Kaimuki Public Library

Saturday, April 18, 10:30 a.m.  
Kapolei Public Library

Thursday, April 23, 3:00 p.m.  
Aiea Public Library

Saturday, April 25, 11:00 a.m.  
Manoa Public Library

Saturday, May 2, 11:30 a.m.  
Waipahu Public Library

Saturday, May 9, 10:30 a.m.  
Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library

Tuesday, May 19, 10:00 a.m.  
Lanai Public & School Library

READING CHALLENGES: WHAT IS DYSLEXIA?  
Saturday, March 21, 1:30 p.m.  
Mililani Public Library

Patti Jenks, M.Ed., will provide an informational program about language-based reading difficulties, such as dyslexia, common red flags/symptoms, how these affect learning, and a brief overview of teaching and intervention strategies which work best for learners with language-based reading difficulties. This one-hour program is geared for educators, parents, and interested individuals ages 12 and older.  
Sponsored by the Hawaii Branch of the International Dyslexia Association.

SMALL WONDERS: A POETRY READING WITH ERIC PAUL SHAFFER  
Saturday, March 28, 2:00 p.m.  
Hawaii State Library

In celebration of National Poetry Month, award-winning poet and author Eric Paul Shaffer will read a selection of classic and contemporary poems that focus on the insights and surprises we find when we look at the smallest or least noticed parts of our lives.  
This one-hour program is suitable for ages 12 and older and will be held in the First Floor Reading Room.

Celebrate National Landscape Architecture Month!  
THE HISTORY OF ALA MOANA PARK  
Saturday, April 4, 2:00 p.m.  
Hawaii State Library

Kim Kido, a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects - Hawaii chapter, will share the history of Ala Moana Park that she discovered while preparing for the National Park Service’s Historic American Landscapes Survey challenge. Through early photographs and plans, the talk will explore the park’s development, Art Deco architecture, and evolving design. This one-hour program will be held in the First Floor Reading Room and is suitable for ages 12 and older.
HOT OPERA EXPRESS
“PIRATES OF PENZANCE”
Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 p.m.
Kapolei Public Library

It’s opera for everyone! Hawaii Opera Theatre (HOT) will present a family-friendly version of *The Pirates of Penzance* that is specially designed for keiki. Join us and set sail for England to join a rollicking band of pirates and their King, a fast talking Major General, and his spunky daughter. Students from Island Pacific Academy will also join the cast. This one-hour program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library Kapolei and is suitable for all ages. Young children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

BONSAI SHOW AND WORKSHOPS
Saturday, March 21, 9:00 a.m.
Hilo Public Library

Curious about the art of bonsai? Join the Ohana Lehua Bonsai Club for a bonsai show & hands-on workshops. Amazing bonsai will be on display from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stay for a workshop to learn about caring for bonsai, and go home with a free tree! Two one-hour beginner workshops will be held at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Each classes is limited to 10 participants; registration is required. Program is suitable for ages 12 and older.

READING TAILS (READ TO A CHIHUAHUA)
Saturdays, March 21, 11:00 a.m.
Hilo Public Library

Children of all ages are encouraged to practice and improve their reading skills with Pierre, a certified therapy Chihuahua dog. Pierre loves hearing about faraway lands and interesting characters from the littlest of readers. He loves the company of children and hopes to see you at one of his sessions. Parents or adult caregivers of interested children are encouraged to sign up for one-on-one time with Pierre and his owner.

WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM JUDY CHICAGO’S “THE DINNER PARTY”
Tuesday, March 24, 6:00 p.m.
Kihei Public Library

In celebration of Women's History Month, retired college professor Carol Hogard will present a 90-minute lecture on artist Judy Chicago's The Dinner Party. This monumental work of art honoring women of outstanding achievement consists of a triangular table of three wings featuring 13 outstanding women. Emanating from the table are the names...
of 999 women of achievement written in gold on the tile floor. The Dinner Party is now housed in the Elizabeth A. Sackler Center for Feminist Art in the Brooklyn Museum. The presentation will include a short clip from Judy Chicago’s website as well as more detailed information on the floor tiles emanating from the plates of Sojourner Truth and Ethel Smyth. The lecture will also include a description of the embroidery runners and plates honoring Sappho and Theodora.

Carol Hogard is a retired from the Minneapolis Community and Technical College. A question-and-answer session will follow the presentation. Program is suitable for ages 18 and older.

UPCOMING EVENTS

National Library Week
Unlimited possibilities @ your library®
April 12th – 18th

Libraries will host free special events during the month of April. “Unlimited Possibilities @ your library” is the theme. Award-winning Celtic harp player and highly-acclaimed storyteller Patrick Ball as well as noted artists and performers from the University of Hawaii’s Statewide Cultural Extension Program, will be featured at selected libraries.

Summer Reading Program
“Every Hero Has a Story”
May 31st – July 18th

Nurture a Reading Super Hero! Starting May 31st, sign up your child for the Summer Reading Program at your local public library: read at least one book a week and receive a free weekly incentive, while supplies last. Teen and Adult programs are also available for the whole family to enjoy reading together.

The seven-week program runs May 31 to July 18, 2015. Program dates may vary by library; please contact your local library for dates and other guidelines. For more information about the Summer Reading Program and the kick-off celebration in early June, call your local public library.