HSPLS Adds Gale Cengage Powerspeak Languages to Collection

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) has subscribed to the new Gale Cengage language learning resource, Powerspeak Languages, which is now available for use by HSPLS patrons. Languages that are available are Spanish, French, German, Mandarin, English as a Second Language (ESL) for Spanish speakers, Italian, Russian, Japanese, Korean and ESL for Mandarin speakers.

Each language course employs a variety of multi-sensory activities to take full advantage of the brain’s ability to acquire and comprehend language. Designed specifically for use by the diverse audience of library users, the courses include a combination of scored online activities, exercises, lessons, and games to introduce vocabulary and develop correct speaking and writing practice.

“Powerspeak Languages is accessible around-the-clock at the HSPLS database page via any Internet-connected computer,” said State Librarian Richard Burns. “It will offer our patrons help building life skills for new English speakers, provide multiple language learning opportunities for students, offer a full range of communication competencies for travelers, enhance business and social capabilities for learners, and promote cultural awareness by illustrating customs and social trends particular to each language’s culture.”

The ten Powerspeak Languages will supplement HSPLS’ language learning collection through its all-inclusive online process, with no software to download, print manuals or CDs. For more information, please contact the Hawaii State Library’s Language, Literature & History Section at 586-3499.

HSPLS will Launch Internet Usage Survey in July

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) will launch an online survey July 1 as a requirement of the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program Access for All Grant. The one-page survey will appear each time a user logs on to an Internet session on any new library public computer purchased with federal stimulus funds.

The online survey was designed to electronically gather feedback from our patrons on the various economic recovery activities that take place on these new computers, said State Librarian Richard Burns. “The survey will remain posted throughout the duration of the grant period, which runs until June 30, 2013.”

This survey was designed for brevity and no personal data or information will be retained. Data gathered from the Internet Use Survey will be shared not only with our federal grants, but also with the Board of Education, state legislators, Library advocates and select HSPLS staff.

Aina Haina Public Library, located at 5246 Kalanianaole Highway, will become the first Oahu library in the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) to install a photovoltaic system as its retrofit as a cost-saving measure to reduce rising energy costs. The $805,825 project began in February and is scheduled for completion later this summer.

A photovoltaic system (or PV system) uses one or more solar panels to convert sunlight into electricity. The new “green” North Kohala Public Library (Big Island), which opened in November 2010, was the first HSPLS library to install a photovoltaic system.

The two HSPLS libraries are among an increasing number of new or existing Hawaii State Government buildings that have or will become energy efficient, resulting in long-term savings for taxpayers and reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

In a study prepared by Ronald N. S. Ho & Associates, Inc., Aina Haina Public Library was rated the highest among five selected libraries for its optimal building construction, access, orientation and site/neighborhood conditions conducive for photovoltaic power generation, and highest estimated annual savings.

The library’s current average monthly energy usage is 10,353 kilowatt hours (kWh). The new PV system will generate 7,300 kWh per month or approximately 71.2% of the library’s monthly energy needs.

The contractor for the project is RK Construction Co., LLC. In addition to the photovoltaic system, the project included a roof replacement, electrical and interior work.

Mark Your Calendars

August 19 – Statehood Day Holiday: all libraries will be closed. Visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call your local library for public service hours.

Hawaii’s Libraries Say “Mahalo”

A snapshot of services on Nov. 17, 2010 (November 2010 Count Week)

• 381 hours of public service on six islands
• 18,204 patrons visited our fifty libraries
• 8,642 questions were answered
• 1,917 patrons accessed free Internet
• 1,756 phone-in queries were answered
• 25,304 library materials were borrowed
• 2,877 DVDs and videos were rented
• 209 eBooks & Audiobooks were downloaded
• 14 enriching programs were enjoyed by 310 patrons of all ages

Mahalo nui loa for your continued patronage!

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Nominations for Public Librarian-Staff Awards due July 31

Do you know a librarian or library staff member who provides outstanding service? Nominate that person for the 2011 Public Librarian of the Year Award or 2011 Excellence in Service Award.

The Friends of the Library of Hawaii and Na Mea Hawaii co-sponsor this annual event which honors a librarian and library support staff member for their outstanding contributions to the Hawaii State Public Library System and its patrons.

The winners will be honored at a public reception at the Hawaii State Library, and will receive personal awards as well as cash awards for their respective libraries. The deadline for nominations is July 31, 2011. Nomination forms are available at all Hawaii public libraries and online at www.friends.of.the.library.hawaii.org. For more information, email the Friends of the Library of Hawaii at friends@friendsofthelibraryhawaii.org or call 536-4174.

YOUR NOMINATION FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD OR EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AWARD

☐ Librarian of the Year  ☐ Excellence in Service Award  ☐ Not Sure

Name of Nominee:
Library Branch or Department:
Nominee’s Position (if known):

ABOUT YOU:

Name:
Address: __________________________________________ City: __________________________ Zip: ______
Contact Phone: __________________________ Email (optional): __________________________

NOMINATION STATEMENT:

Please tell us why your nominee deserves to be honored.

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Mail your completed nomination form by July 31, 2011 (one nomination per form)

Friends of the Library of Hawaii, 690 Pohukalania St., Honolulu, HI 96813

friends@friendsofthelibraryhawaii.org

Phone: 536-4174 / Fax: 536-5232

Previous Award Winners

Librarian of the Year

1997 Denise Jacobson  Kahului, Maui
1998 Dave Del Rocco  Hawaii State Library, Oahu
1999 Dawn Shibano  Bond Memorial, Hawaii

Excellence in Service

2000 Siro TenCate  Hawaii State Library, Oahu
2001 Arlene Ching  Mililani, Oahu
2002 Tim Littlejohn  Waialua, Oahu
2003 Richard Burns  Kapolei, Oahu
2004 Wendi Woodstrup  Mililani, Oahu
2005 Mary Ann Collignon  Kapolei, Hawaii
2006 Claudine Fuji  Hilo, Hawaii
2007 Kathleen Ageton  Ka‘u, Big Island
2008 Stacie Kanno  Kapolei, Oahu
2009 Gabrielle Casart  Laupahoehoe, Hawaii
2010 Frances Corcoran  Kahuku, Oahu

Excellence in Service

2006 Melissa Jordan, Kapolei, Oahu; Jennifer Relacion, Princeville, Kauai; Shori Asuka, Makawao, Maui
2007 Lisa Cabudol, Naalehu, Hawaii; Lawrence Nho, Kapolei, Oahu; Debra Wong-Yuen, Pahala, Hawaii
2008 Irene Pavao, Hau, Maui; Sharlene Rosario, Naalehu, Hawaii
2009 Margie Akita, Hanapepe, Kauai; Barbara Gambtsky, M. View, Hawaii; Lorrin Lau, LBPh, Oahu
2010 Jean Ann Flaherty, Princeville, Kauai; Irmagard Pickard, Pearl City, Oahu

ADA Workstations Coming Soon

Fifty-four new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant public computer workstations, provided by Hawaii’s Access for All grant through a $2.4 million federal stimulus funds package, are being installed for use in Hawaii’s public libraries. The adjustable-height workstations feature sled-based chairs with arms, and desktop computers loaded with assistive and program software. The Access for All grant was made possible by the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and leveraged with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Opportunity Online funds. Nicole Golf, substitute Librarian III of Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library, conducts a test demonstration on the Library’s new ADA public computer workstation.

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New Titles

By Edie Weeks, Section Head, Hawaii State Library - Young Adult Section

Frenzy Billingsley


Teenaged girl Anna Swenson’s mission is to save her twins from a dangerous situation. She must first find the man who saved the twins from a plane crash and he must not know who she is. When she is finally found, she must figure out who is trying to stop her and why.

Cassandra Clare


Tessa Gray’s parents have disappeared, and she has been placed in the care of a distant aunt. While trying to find her parents, Tessa and her best friend Harry are attacked by a demon. In order to protect Tessa, her best friend must learn to trust the demon-killing angel, Jace Wayland.

Rachel Neumeier


When sixteen-year-old Tessa’s older brother, Thomas awakens to find he has lost his memory and he is the twin of a 17-year-old Tessa. When she leaves to keep it a secret, Tessa brings a young man who expresses secret love for his older sister.

A.S. King


Sixteen-year-old Vera Dietz is convinced she’s been overloved, but the ghost of her late best friend won’t let her have it easy in this dark comedy that examines relationships, family, grief, and the afterlife.

Maze Runner


Teen boys who are also teen girls must learn to navigate a dangerous supernatural underworld. Tessa, an 18-year-old from New York, and her fantastic friends are unaware that one day the fate of the entire human race depends on them.

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Do You Have Email Notification?

Did you know that you can switch to email notification for reserves and items overdue? Since we began offering email notification in 2003, more than 4,500 patrons have requested this cost-effective, environment-friendly, and time-saving service. We have sent more than 444,000 email notifications and have saved the Hawaii State Public Library System nearly $136,000 in postage, printing and postal card costs.

To begin receiving email notifications, visit any public library and present your valid library card and PIN number.

Staff will activate the email notification service for your account. You will be glad you did!

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Friends of the Library of Hawaii

Hawaii’s Public Library System enables us to provide the best possible library services for all. We invite you to participate by contributing to the Friends of the Library of Hawaii. Your contributions help provide resources for public libraries to the tune of $2.4 million annually. In 2011, Friends provided over $240,000 in direct grant assistance.

Friends of the Library of Hawaii was organized in 1966 and currently has over 13,500 members. The Friends help support the Library’s programs and services, including the summer reading programs, the annual book sales, and other public programs. The Friends of the Library of Hawaii also make grants to library programs and public libraries of the State of Hawaii.

Your membership in the Friends of the Library of Hawaii shows your strong support for the public libraries. Other benefits include availability of pre-publication books, discounts on special events and programs, and unique book sales.

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Give $25 or more and receive the following benefits:

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- Invitations to special programs and events
- A 10% discount on purchases at the Friends Bookstore
- A discount on Friends of the Library of Hawaii publications

Give $50 or more and receive the following benefits:

- All membership benefits described above
- Priority registration for Friends programs
- Special membership events and programs

Give $100 or more and receive the following benefits:

- All membership benefits described above
- Special Friends events, programs and recognition
- A listing in the Friends Annual Report

Your membership is tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Memberships may be purchased online at www.friendsofthelibraryhawaii.org or by mail. Membership is also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/friends.of.the.library.hawaii.

For more information, please contact Friends of the Library of Hawaii, 200 Utah Street, Suite 201, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. Phone: 536-4174 / Fax: 536-5232

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