HSPLS Receives $65,234 in Tax Refund Donations

Hawaii’s public libraries received $65,234 in tax refund donations from January through June of this year, as thousands of taxpayers continued to demonstrate their support for the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) by donating a portion of their 2014 tax refunds to HSPLS. See 2014 Tax Refund Donations, page 2.

Mark Your Calendars

Oct. 5 – Children and Youth Day, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., State Capitol District. For the 21st consecutive year, HSPLS will participate in this special event featuring booths, games and other activities, food and fun for children and their families. The HSPLS booth will be located in the Children’s Zone, and staff members will distribute informational materials and present a craft activity and games for the children.

Oct. 24 – 21st Annual Links to Literacy Golf Tournament, 11 a.m., Kapolei Golf Club. Friends of the Library of Hawaii annual fundraiser; proceeds benefit Hawaii’s 50 public libraries. To register a team, volunteer, or for more information, visit www.friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org or call 536-4174.

Oct. 25 – The History of Huna and the Search for Ancient Hawaiian Spirituality, 2 p.m., Hawaii State Library, First Floor Reading Room. Makana Risser Chai, author of two books on Hawaiian healing via spiritual and physical aspects of lomilomi, and a soon-to-be published book on Huna, will lead a discussion on this topic. This free program is suitable for ages 12 and older. For more information, call the Library’s Hawaii & Pacific Section at 586-3535.

Employee and Team of Year Awardees Selected

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) is proud to announce Kristin Laitila, Library Assistant IV in the Hawaii State Library-Hawaii and Pacific Section’s Hawaii Documents Center, as our Employee of the Year, and our Automated Systems Equipment Technicians Team (Team ASET) as our Team of the Year Award winners for 2014.

Laitila, who has worked for HSPLS for seven years, willingly shares her talents while being able to inspire confidence and a feeling of accomplishment in all who work with her. In addition to her regular duties, Laitila planned and coordinated the Hawaii State Library’s 10-month series of programs and displays celebrating their Centennial (1913 to 2013), drawing from her previous work experience as a museum curator, and extensive knowledge as a History major in college. In 2013, Laitila’s biggest work was an over-sized “Scrapbook” timeline of highlights and photos from the Library’s history. She conceptualized, researched, planned, wrote the accompanying narrative, selected the content and historical photos, and designed the layout. Using this

New Orleans Storyteller Featured Performer at Libraries

Storyteller Diane Ferlatte will be the featured artist at selected public libraries during the months of October and November in celebration of the 2014 HSPLS Fall Programs for Children and Teens. Ferlatte, a New Orleans native, is an internationally-acclaimed and award-winning storyteller, sharing her tales in a multitude of countries on six continents as well as throughout the U.S.A., including previous visits to Hawaii. In addition to receiving numerous honors for her performances, all eight of her recordings have won awards including Parents’ Choice, American Library Association, iParenting Media, Storytelling World, National Parenting Publications, and Children’s Music Web Award. Ferlatte was nominated for a Grammy Award in 2008.

Various public libraries will feature other artists from the UH-Manoa Outreach College’s Statewide Cultural Extension Program, including local storytellers.
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format and a vintage look, the exhibit received many compliments and much attention and appreciation.

Team ASET, the recipient of the 2014 HSPLS Team of the Year Award includes: supervisor Eugene Ishihara, and technicians Nicholas Agao, Javier Alvarez (Kona), Richard Higgins (Kauai), Mark Kainoa (Hilo), Steven Lysen (Maui), Riki Mukawa, John Patton, Henry Phan, and Galen Uehara.

The 10-member Team ASET unit supports all 50 HSPLS Libraries on six different islands, as well as our eight Support Offices. Team ASET is responsible for the repair and maintenance of about 800 public and 500 staff computers, 250 HSPLS Mobile netbooks, as well as countless other library-related technologies, such as telephone equipment, printers, scanners, security equipment, and microfilm reader/ printers. Over the past three years, these valued staff members have been working to connect fiber optic cables to every HSPLS library. The individual and collective dedication and commitment of the ASETs as they seek to provide quality, uninterrupted services for our patrons and staff is both obvious and impressive.

Sustained Superior
Performance Award recipients include Patricia Akamine, Secretary II in the HSPLS Administrative Services Branch (ASB) and David Thorp, Branch Manager at Koloa Public & School Library.

Akamine, who has served more than 30 years as ASB Secretary, has organized and tracked the hundreds of facility maintenance, repair and construction matters for all 50 HSPLS Libraries over the past year. Her heartfelt compassion and integrity are evidenced by the number of positive comments and compliments she has received over the years.

Thorp, a 28-year HSPLS veteran, has served 23 years as Branch Manager of Koloa Public & School Library, as well as Branch Manager at Keaau and Pahoa Libraries, and in other librarian positions at Hilo and Thelma Parker Libraries. Thorp is the longtime Chair of the Hot Picks Committee, and is known for his outstanding reference assistance as well as his knowledge of the Library’s collection and databases.

Celebrate Star Wars Reads Day at Eight Libraries

In celebration of the third annual Star Wars Reads Day (SWRD), seven public libraries in Hawaii will present special programs and activities on Saturday, October 11. Kahuku Public & School Library will celebrate SWRD on October 7. The public is invited to attend this free event.

Local public libraries will offer giveaways; conduct lucky drawings for participants to win Star Wars prizes; present movie screenings, activities and crafts, and some will offer meet-and-greet Star Wars costumed characters.

Participating public libraries include: Aiea Public Library (ph. 483-7333); Aina Haina Public Library (ph. 377-2456); Hawaii Kai Public Library (ph. 397-5833); Kahuku Public & School Library (ph. 293-8935); Kapolei Public Library (ph. 693-7050); Princeville Public Library (ph. 826-4310); Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library (ph. 831-6831); and Waikiki-Kapahulu Public Library (ph. 733-8488).

Star Wars Reads Day is an international event that celebrates reading and the popular “Star Wars” movie series created by George Lucas. Last year, more than 2,000 Star Wars Reads Day events were conducted worldwide. The event was created by Lucasfilm and its publishing partners – Abrams, Chronicle Books, Dark Horse, Del Rey, DK Publishing, Klutz, Random House Audio, Scholastic, Titan Magazines and Workman.

This event is suitable for all ages. Please call the hosting libraries for event times and to find out what programs and activities they will be offering. Contact the hosting library as soon as possible if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed.

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the HSPLS Special Fund.

“Thank you very much to all those who have generously contributed to Hawaii’s public libraries through this annual donation program,” said State Librarian Richard Burns.

“Your continuing generosity has allowed HSPLS to purchase additional copies of in-demand Hot Picks best sellers such as Dan Brown’s ‘Inferno’ in 2013 and John Grisham’s ‘Sycamore Row’ in 2014 that will benefit all our library patrons statewide.”

Since January 2005, Hawaii taxpayers have donated $775,038 to the HSPLS Special Fund.
Feeling a little ghoulish and ghastly for the Halloween season? Check out these children’s books at your public library for a frighteningly-good time!

**Eileen Christelow**

**FIVE LITTLE MONKEYS TRICK-OR-TREAT**
(Preschool-Gr. 2)
When babysitter Lulu takes the five little monkeys trick-or-treating, they decide to change costumes with their friends and try to fool Lulu and their mother.

**Melanie Watt**

**SCAREDY SQUIRREL PREPARES FOR HALLOWEEN: A SAFETY GUIDE FOR SCAREDIES**
(Preschool-Gr. 3) A collection of helpful safety tips for kids at Halloween when around carnivorous plants, haunted houses, and encountering monsters like Frankenstein!

**Ron Roy**

**OCTOBER OGRE (CALENDAR MYSTERY SERIES)**
(Gr. 2-4) Bradley, Brian, Nate, and Lucy visit a haunted hotel on Halloween in this early chapter book. The four soon realize that none of the other kids going into the hotel are coming back out.

**Stephen Savage**

**TEN ORANGE PUMPKINS**
(Preschool-Kindergarten)

This is a fun Halloween counting book featuring rhythmic verses. Each pumpkin is carried away by Halloween-appropriate characters including a witch, a ghost, a spider, and others until only one is left.

**Will Hubbell**

**PUMPKIN JACK**
(Preschool-Gr. 3; eBook) Tim’s very first carved pumpkin decomposes in the backyard over the course of one year. Then new pumpkins sprout from the seeds in time for the next Halloween!

**Ruth Owen**

**HALLOWEEN ORIGAMI**
(Gr. 3-6) Learn how to make bats, ghosts, frogs, and other spooky and fun Halloween figures from the most simple, to more complex folds.

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**Wailuku Public Library Celebrates 85 Years of Service**

Multiple Grammy and Na Hoku Hanohano Award-winning Hawaiian slack key guitarist Jeff Peterson (center) was the featured performer at Wailuku Public Library’s 85th Anniversary Celebration on September 4. More than 80 people enjoyed this milestone celebration that was originally scheduled August 7 but was postponed due to Tropical Storm Iselle. Wailuku Public Library, the first public library in Maui County, opened on August 6, 1929. Dorothy Tolliver (left), former President of the Maui Friends of the Library (MFOL) and current chair of the MFOL Bookmobile Campaign Committee, and Branch Manager Susan Werner (right) shared a moment with Peterson to mark this historic occasion.

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**Join OverDrive’s Big Library Read**

Teen readers are invited to participate in OverDrive’s next Big Library Read program between October 13-28. Teen readers will be able to borrow and enjoy eBook and audiobook versions of the Big Library Read book, “Anatomy of a Misfit” by Andrea Portes by visiting our website at www.librarieshawaii.org. “Anatomy of a Misfit” is an emotionally resonant story that Publishers Weekly calls “instantly endearing” with a “highly memorable heroine” and voice. This new book was just released last month, so participants will be among the first to read it.

Big Library Read is an international program that provides libraries and library patrons unlim-ited simultaneous access to a popular title for a two-week period, creating a virtual, global book club. Interested patrons will be able borrow “Anatomy of a Misfit” using a valid HSPLS library card, and enjoy reading it on all major computers and devices, including iPhone®, iPad®, Nook®, Android™ phones and tablets, and Kindle® without worrying about wait lists or holds. Titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period so there are no late fees!

The Big Library Read is made possible through a partnership between OverDrive and Harper-Collins, publisher of Andrea Portes’ latest title.

Our HSPLS eBook collection is extremely popular and well-used, and eBook circulation is growing at a faster rate than any other materials collection. We offer more than 40,000 eBook and eAudiobook titles from OverDrive/ Digital Library Reserve. Visit www.librarieshawaii.org for more information. Partial funding for these electronic services is provided by the Federal Library Services and Technology Act, which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.
Spotlight on:
Kailua-Kona Public Library
By Irene Horvath

Kailua-Kona Public Library, the second largest and second busiest library on the Big Island, is located at 75-138 Hualalai Road. The Library was designed by architect George Iwasaki and opened on a leap day – February 29, 1992.

Kailua-Kona Public Library is centrally-located in the village, one block from the ocean and two blocks from Kailua-Kona pier, and provides materials, programs and services for the extremely diverse population that comprises the Kailua-Kona community.

The Library has 15 public Internet computers, including one ADA work-station, and free Wi-fi access throughout the building. Our collection includes the local newspaper West Hawaii Today on microfilm, going back to 1969, and a new digital microfilm reader-scanner to view the film.

A variety of programs for all age groups is conducted each year, including taiko drumming, slack-key guitar, tap dancing and preschool story times. On the last Tuesday of each month during the school year, the Library hosts “Books are Building Blocks,” a family literacy read-aloud. In addition, the Library hosts every second grade class in schools along the Kona coast, with free transportation provided by the Friendly Bus, which is funded by Friends of the Libraries, Kona (FOLK).

We appreciate FOLK’s generosity for purchasing new carpet for our Library. In addition, FOLK conducts monthly book sales and on-going lobby book sales to help raise funds. These funds are used to provide programming, purchase incentives and decorations for all age levels of the Summer Reading Program, buy equipment such as book trucks and shelving, and to pay for miscellaneous processing supplies. For more information about the Library’s public service schedule, programs and services, please call 327-4327.

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Ben Moffat and Dann Seki, taiko drummer Kenny Endo, and Korean dancer Bonnie Kim.

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Call the hosting library two weeks in advance (three weeks in advance for Neighbor Island libraries) if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed. Program schedules are subject to change.