New Database of Historical Documents Debuts
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A vailable now @ your library is the Archives Unbound digital collection, Archives Unbound in a digital collection of historical documents to support your research and study needs. These collections of primary source documents will take the reader beyond the facts and figures of history and into a deeper understanding of the subject. Best of all, this online collection is available 24-7 via www.librarieshawaii.org, the Hawaii State Public Library System’s website. The four new document collections are: Japanese-American Relocation Camp Newspapers: Perspectives on Day-to-Day Life. The U.S. government’s immediate response to the attack on Pearl Harbor was to incarcerate, by April 1942, more than 100,000 Japanese Americans, both resident aliens and American citizens. This collection of 25 bulletins and newspapers offers first-person accounts and an insider’s view of life in the internment camps, delivering a sense of immediacy and depth.

Final Accountability Roster of Japanese-American Relocation Centers, 1944-1946. These alphabetical lists of persons released under Executive order 9066 provide demographic information on the residents of the various relocation camps. Lists typically provide name, family number, sex, date of birth, marital status, citizenship status, and method of original entry into the center, and much more.

Personal Justice Denied: Public Hearings of the Commission on War Relocation and Internment, 1981. After its establishment by Act of Congress in 1980, the Commission on War Relocation and Internment held 20 days of public hearings in major U.S. cities. The transcripts contain personal stories and experiences of more than 750 witnesses, including evacuees, and documents include publications, news releases, newspaper clippings, and photographs related to the hearings. The International Women’s Movement: The Pan Pacific Southeast Asia Women’s Association of the USA, 1930-1972. The Pan Pacific Southeast Asia Women’s Association, which was founded in Honolulu in 1930, sought to promote better understanding and friendship among the woman of all Pacific countries, “to strengthen the bonds of peace among Pacific peoples.” This collection comprises brochures, reports, correspondence, financial materials, conference programs, and more, and supports research in Asian studies, feminist studies, social history, and political science.

Your Tax Donation Helps Libraries
Hawaii taxpayers may make donations to benefit the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) by checking the appropriate box on their tax returns: $2.00 from an individual income tax return or $4.00 from a joint return, for the Hawaii Public Libraries Fund. A total of $65,484 was donated to Hawaii’s public libraries in 2011, which enabled HSPLS to buy additional copies of adult and children’s books for our patrons statewide.

On behalf of the Hawaii State Public Library System, I would like to thank those who donated last year and we welcome their continuing support of our public libraries this tax season,” said State Librarian Richard Burns.

Since the check-off box was added to tax forms seven years ago the total amount donated to HSPLS is $561,840. Thank you for your support!

Learn about Black History Month, Feng Shui, and More

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) provides free multi-cultural, year-round programs that encourage a love of reading and life-long learning. Upcoming programs and events will feature Black History Month, feng shui, legal tools for the elderly, relationship strategies, and special storytimes:

Storytimes (suitable for ages 3 and older unless otherwise noted). All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

- Feb. 4, 10:30 a.m. “The Rainbow Show” featuring Joe Pipik’s BackPack Puppets at Hawaii State Library (ph. 586-3510) in Edna Allyn Room for Children. This zany variety show features hand and rod puppets in an assortment of hilarious sketches. Pipik, an award-winning theatre artist, will present his one-man stage/theatre performance including animal characters and stories.

Mark Your Calendars
Feb. 18-20 – Presidents Day Holiday: All libraries will be closed; five libraries will be open on Feb. 17. Aiea, Hawaii Kai, Lili‘uokalani Park and Cultural Center, Kailua, and Kaimuki Libraries will be open on Feb. 16 and Kaimuki Library will be open on Feb. 24. Visit www.libraryhawaii.org or call your local library for public service hours.

Tax Forms Offered at Libraries
P ublic libraries statewide will serve as distribution outlets for Federal tax forms, courtesy of a continuing partnership between the Hawaii State Public Library System and the State Department of Taxation. Library staff will supply the forms, but are not trained to assist with tax questions. For assistance, call the Department of Taxation’s Tax Information Line: 587-4242 on Oahu; from Neighborhood Islands, call toll-free at 1-800-222-3229. For the hearing impaired: call 587-1418 on Oahu; from Neighbor Islands, call toll-free at 1-800-887-8974. Telephone lines will be open Monday-Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., except on State holidays. Visit www.state.hi.us for more information.


Need Federal tax forms?
Many public libraries will serve as distribution outlets for Federal tax forms. Contact your local library to find out if they will be distributing Federal tax forms or for an alternate library nearest you.

In addition, you can obtain Federal tax forms via the “LegalForms” database or by visiting the Internal Revenue Service’s website to print or download forms: www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/index.html. Select forms and publications by using any one of the many search strategies listed. This website also includes other Federal tax information.

Senator Kim Receives Friends’ Mahalo Award
State Senator Donna Mercado Kim (left) is the recipient of the Friends of the Library of Hawaii’s 2011 Mahalo Award, presented to the State legislator who has demonstrated his or her support of Hawaii’s public libraries during the past legislative session. Senator Kim, as a member of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, was instrumental in keeping the Hawaii State Public Library System’s budget intact and helped minimize reductions over the past few years. Joining in the celebration at Washington Place on January 11 are Friends’ officially (from left) Executive Director Byrde Cestare, Directors Susan Li and Rosemary Chang. President Ilene Suemori, and Governor Neil Abercrombie.
Free Programs & Events, from front page:

• Feb. 11, 11 a.m. – Puppet Shows featuring puppeteer Cheri Lemp Al Sing at Kailua Public Library (ph. 266-9911) under the Reading Tree. Al Sing will present favorite children’s stories in a lively puppet show with beautifully hand-crafted puppets, finger plays, and songs. The Friends of Kailua Public Library is sponsoring this program which is suitable for ages 3 and older.

• Feb. 11, 2 p.m. – Black History Children’s Story Hour featuring Adesina Ogunewe at Makawao Public Library (573-8785). Ogunewe, a historian of African & American History, will read “Aida” by Leontyne Price (story of the Ethiopian Princess from the opera) and “Dancing in the Wings” by Debbie Allen.

Program is presented by the Society for the Preservation of African-American Culture; suitable for ages 5 and older.

Movie:

• Feb. 9, 5:30 p.m. – “Real Steel” at Aiea Public Library (483-7333) in Meeting Rooms. Hugh Jackman and Evangeline Lily star in this futuristic boxing story where 8-foot-tall, 2,000 pound steel robots battle it-out in the ring. The movie is rated PG-13 and suitable for ages 12 and older. Refreshments will be served while supplies last.

Adult Informational Programs:

• Attorney Scott Suzuki will present “Four Legal Tools to Protect Yourself from Elder Abuse, Long-Term Care Expenses and Taxes” on Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. at Ewa Beach Public & School Library (689-1204). Suzuki is the volunteer community services attorney for the University of Hawaii Elder Law program, and a lawyer in private practice. He will discuss powers of attorney and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, the differences between wills and trusts, and options for financing long-term care, including insurance and Medicaid.

This program will include a question-and-answer session.

• Lee Shapiro will present “How to Fight Fair in All Relationships” on Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. at Kiehi Public Library (875-6833). Shapiro, who has been offering relationship workshops and private couples counseling for 30 years, will provide valuable tools on how to most effectively get what is desired in all relationships: family, friends, work, and romance. Shapiro will explore strategies that do not work and what does work in resolving conflict and providing long-term satisfaction.


Author Talk:

• Clear Englebert will present “Feng Shui for Hawaii Gardens” at five Oahu libraries. Englebert will explain chi energy, demonstrate how to attract and maximize its beneficial flow, and stress the importance of the approach to the home. He will also explain which plants to select and where to put them. Englebert will conduct presentations on Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m. at Liliha Public Library (587-7577); Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m. at Waimanalo Public & School Library (258-2610); Feb. 23, 5:30 p.m. at Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library (831-6831); Feb. 25, 3:30 p.m. at Aina Haina Public Library (377-2456); and Feb. 26, 1:30 p.m. at Pearl City Public Library (453-6366).

Visit www.libraryhawaii.org for an island-by-island listing of other children’s, teens, adults, and special programs. Contact the hosting library as soon as possible if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed.

The National Jukebox

By Haunani Moore, Section Head, Hawaii State Library’s Art, Music & Recreation Section

The Library of Congress’s National Jukebox is a treasure trove of more than 10,000 recordings made between 1901 and 1925, with many more to come.

“This amazing collection is a chance to hear history,” said James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress. “This collection includes popular music, classical music, dance music, ethnic music, religious music, opera, musical theater, ragtime, early jazz, famous speeches, poetry and humor. It is what our grand parents and great-grandparents listened to, danced to, and sang along with.”

To access the National Jukebox, visit www.loc.gov/jukebox/. At present, the site offers only recordings made by Columbia, Okeh (jazz label), and other labels from the Sony archive. The cutoff dates of 1901 to 1925 include the entire acoustic era of recording: the first phase of the technology, when musicians played or sang into a big horn linked to a vibrating needle that cut a spiral groove into a spinning wax disk. Each disk held three or four minutes of music: the length of one song. Surface noise was a problem on these early recordings, but the recordings in the Jukebox have been digitized, and after a century they sound amazingly clear.

In streaming format (no download- ing allowed), they are available on the Jukebox, you can view at no charge. The Jukebox is filled with an amazing amount of early musical Hawaiiana, both instrumental and vocal, such as Aloha Oe, recorded in New Jersey in 1913 by the Hawaiian Quintette, a male vocal quintet accompanied by banjo-ukelele, guitar, steel guitar, tenor guitar and ukulele; the same song, but recorded in 1914 in Honolulu (possibly New York) by the Ellis Brothers Glee Club Quartet.

Recommended Children’s Books

By Hawaii State Library’s Children’s Librarians

Sue Cowne YOU WILL CALL ME DROG (Gr. 4 - 7) Local author Sue Cowne’s debut novel offers readers a captivating story, with an unusual premise. Eleven-year-old Parker finds a worn out hand puppet in a dump, and despite his friends’ advice to leave it behind, he takes it home and tries it on. Parker struggles with the constant abuse the puppet hurts at him, often within earshot of others, forcing him to deal with the troubling emotions he had learned to suppress.

Jenny Offill 11 EXPERIMENTS THAT FAILED (Preschool - Gr. 3) The mischievous heroine of the equally charming 17 Things I’m not Allowed to Do Anymore, guides us on her quest for answers to questions such as “Does yodeling through a boring car ride help the time pass more quickly?” This is a riotous book that will appeal to parents and children alike.

Jack Gantos DEAD END IN NORVELT 2012 Newbery Award Winner (Gr. 5 - 9) This is a fictionalized account of the author’s youth in the summer of 1962. The story is based in a real Pennsylvania town created during the Great Depression as an example of a successful, socialist, farming community. As punishment for his outrageous behavior, which includes cutting down his mother’s entire cornfield, Jackie is grounded for the entire summer and is forced to help the town obituary writer.

Katherine O’Dell AVIARY (Gr. 4 - 7) Clara and her mother care for and reside with the widow Mrs. Glendoveer. Her mother also helps keep the Glendoveer mansion in working order and cares for five unusual birds in a backyard aviary. While helping care for the birds in the iron aviary, Clara stumbles upon a decades-old mystery when a mynah bird shouts the name of one of the Glendoveer’s long-missing children.

Petronella Evers LITTLE GREENIES: MANU THE SEABIRD (Preschool - Kindergarten) Locally-based artist Petronella Evers’ Little Greenies is an endearing fantasy. While the story is not inherently Hawaiian, the setting is in the islands. Evers presents a simple story in which a family of sprite-like creatures helps two young siblings save a seabird and other wildlife by cleaning up the beach.

Agriculture Foundation Presents Two Donations

The American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture (AFBFA) presented two generous donations to the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) before more than 1,200 members at their 93rd Annual Meeting on January 9 at the Hawaii Convention Center: more than 500 copies of “How Did That Get in My Lunchbox?,” an award-winning book by Orra Bitterman and a $1,000 check for the HSPLS Children’s Services Program. State Librarian Richard Burns (4th from left) and Bob Stallman, AFBFA President (4th from right), are joined by AFBFA Board of Directors for the ceremonial check presentation.