Digital Download Statistics Continue to Grow

Statistical records were achieved in January 2012 for both digital downloads (downloads of e-books, digital music and digital audio books) and borrowers, as digital downloads of HSPLS materials reached an all-time high of 12,789, and they were borrowed by 3,258 different patrons.

New borrower registrations totaled the second most ever, with 1,086 new registrants. Our librarians also purchased 1,112 new e-books, the second largest number of items purchased in a one-month period. These new purchases bring the HSPLS eBook/Digital Music/Digital Audio Book collection to 17,685 items, with access to more than 30,000 additional items available through our link to the Project Gutenberg materials.

More and more people are discovering and using this convenient, free resource. If you have not experienced the HSPLS digital collections, now is the time!

Japanese Consul General Visits Hawaii State Library

Yoshikiko Kamo, Consul General of Japan (center), received a special tour of the Hawaii State Library (HSL) during a visit on February 8. After the tour, Kamo met with Diane Eddy, HSL Director (left), and State Librarian Richard Burns (right).

Hilo Public Library staff members express their gratitude to KBFD-TV and Big Island Candies: from left, Mark Kishaba, Leslie Chow, Ann Maedo, Virginia Oshiro, Mona Tavares, Joni Tokuuke, and Pam Akaa.

Photo courtesy of Hilo Public Library

Mark Your Calendars

March 26 – Prince Kuhio Day Holiday: all libraries will be closed. Twelve libraries normally closed on Mondays will observe the holiday on March 27: Aina Haina, Hanapepe, Hilo, Kahului, Kauai–Kona, Kīhei, Lahaina, McCurdy–Molokai, Princeville, Whalen, and Wakolb–Kapalua. Visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call your local library for public service hours.

Karen Ikemoto, 2011 Public Librarian of the Year (2nd from left), and (continuing to right) Excellence in Service Award winners Randy Sotsuda, Roñña Rivera, and Teri King–Agan are joined in the celebration by (l-r) State Librarian Richard Burns and Friends of the Library of Hawaii’s Byrne Cestare, Sally Harper, and Marcia Gross.
New Enterprise Portal, from front page

portal offers ChiliFresh, a global patron interaction platform that will facilitate peer book reviews, creation of book clubs by staff and patrons, and provide a vehicle for interaction between book club participants.

The website is organized into six sections:

- Books, Articles and Media - Books, CDs and DVDs, Online Databases, Hawaii Newspaper Index, eBooks, Digital Audio and Music, Newspapers and Magazines (Serials Holdings List)
- Library Programs & Events - Children’s Storytime, Holiday Programs, and other programs in HSPLS libraries statewide
- Locations - Library Branches, Hours of Operation, Hawaii State Library Sections, Bookmobiles
- Services - Borrowing, returning or renewing library materials, Reserving library materials, E-Mail Notification, Internet computers, Meeting Rooms, Passport Applications, Wireless Access, Enhanced Services, Bookmobiles
- Ask A Librarian - Reference Services, Ask-A-Librarian by E-mail, FAQs
- About HSPLS - Library Cards/PIN Codes, Fines and Fees, Administration Rules, HSPLS House Rules & General Policies, HSPLS Newsletter (Holo I Mua), Employment Opportunities, State Librarian, HSPLS Reports, LSTA, Friends of the Library of Hawaii, Board of Education, How to …

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.

Watch Legislative Webcasts at Libraries

The Hawaii State Public Library System and Hawaii State Capitol have formed a partnership to provide web-casting of legislative hearings, meetings, and sessions at public libraries statewide. New residents will have the opportunity to see how the Legislature conducts business at the Hawaii State Capitol building via streaming video.

“We have been working with the legislators and their staffs for more than a year to provide this service and have implemented the technology pieces necessary to provide this service for our patrons, their constituents,” said State Librarian Richard Burns.

During the Legislative session, walk-in patrons may visit their local library and access the Legislative proceedings through designated “Legislative Webcast” computers. These computers will have a one-hearing time limit and are muted so patrons should bring their own headphones.

Patrons can select from either House or Senate streaming webcasts and watch the Legislative hearings, meetings, and sessions. Two or more people may view the webcasts at the same time if space permits.

Patrons should place a reservation in advance to view the Legislative webcasts, patrons without library cards may also view the webcasts. Please contact your library staff for assistance.

The new library computers for viewing the Legislative webcasts are provided by Hawaii’s Access for All Grant through 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. Matching funds are provided by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, the Omidyar Ohana Fund, through the Hawaii Community Foundation, and the Alexander & Baldwin Foundation.

Libraries Provide Online Renewal Option

Need additional time with a borrowed item? Hawaii’s library patrons now have a fast, convenient, easy new option - renew materials online.

Books and most library materials may be renewed online, in person, or over the phone for an additional three weeks if there are no reserves on the items. Only one renewal per item is allowed.

Items that are not eligible for renewal are Hot Picks, DVDs, video tapes, and overdue materials. Renewals will not be allowed if the item has been requested by someone else.

Here are step-by-step instructions:

Online Renewal -
1. Visit www.libraryhawaii.org and click on “My Account”
2. Enter your library card number and PIN
3. Access your “Items Out” list
4. Select item to renew, click on box on left side; click on “Renew” box
5. A new due date appears or a prompt explains why item could not be renewed
6. Write new due date on book’s due date slip as a reminder

In-person Renewal -
1. Visit any Hawaii State Public Library during open hours
2. Bring your library card or appropriate card items are checked out under your name
3. Bring all items to renew with you

Telephone Renewal -
1. Call Hawaii State Library Telephone Renewal Unit 586-3652 on Oahu, 1-800-820-7368 from Neighbor Islands or
2. Call any Hawaii State Public Library
3. Have your library card and items to renew ready

AARP Tax Help Available at Five Libraries

Five public libraries are currently hosting American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) Tax Assistance programs that offer free help in preparing basic 2011 federal and state income tax returns with trained volunteers available to assist those who cannot prepare their own tax returns, have low to moderate income, are disabled, have limited English skills, or are elderly. Bring your photo ID; Social Security card (also for spouses and dependents, if applicable); 2011 federal and state tax returns; and other relevant information regarding income and expenses.

These libraries are:
- Aina Haina Public Library (tel. 377-2456) – Fridays & Saturdays: 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. through April 14.
- Co-sponsored by AARP Tax-Aide, IRS, state Dept. of Taxation, the Armed Forces, community groups, and educational and financial institutions. Call AARP Tax-Aide at (888) 227-7669 for more information.
- Kahuku Public & School Library (tel. 293-8935) – Thursdays 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. through April 14.
- Liliha Public Library (tel. 587-7577) – Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m. through April 17.
- Wahiawa Public Library (tel. 622-6345) – Mondays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Thursdays noon-4 p.m. through April 12.
- First-come, first-served; no appointments. No phone calls for personal tax questions.
- Princeville Public Library – Kauai (tel. 826-4313) March 7 and 21: 2 p.m.-5 p.m.; by appointment only; call 826-0122.

New Teen Titles

By Suzanne Watanabe, Young Adult Librarian, Hawaii State Library

Ruta Sepetys
BETWEEN SHADIES OF GRAY
2012 William C. Morris YA Debut Award Winner (Gr. 8-12)

In the tragedy that becomes the Russian genocide, 15-year-old Lina and her family are deported from their home in Lithuania to forced-labor camps in Siberia. The family is separated from the father, and fight to survive hunger, punishing weather and brutal conditions. Lina, who likes art, perseveres by secretly drawing pictures of her family and fellow survivors, and it sustains her hopes.

Laini Taylor
DAUGHTER OF SMOKE AND BONE
• (Gr. 9-12)

Karou, a tattooed, blue-haired heroine is working at her job of collecting human teeth, and stumbles upon a conflict between angels and demons that originated in ancient times. Fantasy, romance, mystery and elements of mythology set the riveting stage for the forthcoming sequel to this novel.

50 Cent
PLAYGROUND
• (Gr. 7-12)

Yes, THAT Fifty Cent! The rapper’s first novel is a story about a bully named Butterball. In this semi-autobiographical work, Butterball is forced to go for counseling after a violent incident.

Kelly Link and Gavin J. Grant, Editors
STEAMPUNK!: AN ANTHOLOGY OF FANTASTICALLY LIVELY & STRANGE STORIES
• (Gr. 7-12)

Robots, dirigibles, and Victorian and anachronistic themes are prevalent in this collection of fourteen stories by authors ranging from Libba Bray to Cory Doctorow to Cassandra Clare.

John Corey Whaley
WHERE THINGS COME BACK
2012 Michael L. Printz Award Winner (Gr. 8-12)

What is real and what isn’t? That’s just one of the themes of this book that also deals with the monotony of small-town life, family, home, religion and the upheaval a media circus brings when a woodpecker thought to be extinct is sighted. Cullen struggles with the disappearance of his younger brother, young love found and lost, and coming of age.

Daniel Handler
WHY WE BROKE UP
2012 Michael L. Printz Award Honor Book (Gr. 9-12)

A box full of objects helps tell the story of two teens that are too different. This is the first book written for young adults by Lemony Snicket (Handler), author of the popular children’s books “A Series of Unfortunate Events.”

Available also as eBook
Available also as audio book