**Explore Your Family Tree**

By Patrick McNally, Section Head, Hawaii State Library-Hawaii & Pacific Section

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) provides free online access to two genealogy databases that are excellent tools to discover your family’s history: Ancestry Library Edition (in-library version of the popular Ancestry.com Internet site) and Heritage-Quest Online. They are among more than 80 online databases available as a free service to library patrons through the HSPLS website anytime via an Internet-connected computer.

Of these two databases, Ancestry Library Edition contains more Hawaii-related information. For example, U.S. Census records for 1900-1940 and Social Security Death Index records provide details about individual family members. Remember that Hawaii is included beginning with the 1900 census. As you build your family tree, census records earlier than 1900 may also provide needed information.

On-screen displays and options, Screen tips, help pages, and a Learning Center are available. A “Charts and Forms” link helps you track and record your family history research.

The HeritageQuest Online site displays links for six categories of resources. Five of these are available via our website:

- **Census** – For Hawaii family histories, the U.S. Census is the best source of information in this database although there is a limited name index.
- **Books** – Contains “over 28,000 family and local histories.”
- **PERSI** (PERsidical Source Index) – “Index of over 2.3 million genealogy and local history articles.
- **Revolutionary War** – Selected records from pension and bounty-land warrant application files, based on participation in the Revolutionary War.
- **Freedman’s Bank** – Data about depositors in the Freedman’s Savings & Trust Co. (1865 – 1874), established for the benefit of African-Americans.

Search tips and help screens are also available.

To access these two databases: visit www.libraryhawaii.org, click on “Books, Articles and Media,” then the “Online Databases” button, click on “A-Z” for an alphabetical listing. Select the first letter of the database and scroll down to it. You will need your HSPLS library card number and PIN (personal identification number, usually the last four digits of your home phone number) in order to access HeritageQuest Online from outside an HSPLS library.

Funding for these electronic resources is provided by the federal Library Services and Technology Act, which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**What’s New in OverDrive:**

eBooks, Digital Audiobooks, and Music

Y our digital library offers a variety of Holiday season titles. Visit www.libraryhawaii.org; under “Books, Articles, & Media” select “eBooks, Digital Audio and Music.”

Here are some samples:

**Rob Scotton**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS, SPLAT!** (digital audiobook) (Ages 3-7) The night before Christmas, Splat wonders if he’s been good enough to deserve a really big present. To make sure, he tries to help his mom but messes up!

**Elvira Woodruff**

**THE CHRISTMAS DOLL** (digital audiobook) (Ages 8-11) A magical doll changes the lives of orphaned sisters Lucy and Glory, who find themselves on the streets of London. They discover the true meaning of the Christmas spirit with the help of the doll.

**Bradley Ogden**

**HOLIDAY DINNER WITH BRADLEY OGDEN** (eBook) This book includes more than 150 recipes celebrating the winter holidays – Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s. Ogden includes preparation schedules, sample menus, and instructional sidebars.

**BING CROSBY’S CHRISTMAS CLASSICS**

(OverDrive Music) Original recording released digitally and digitally remastered in 1999. Fourteen classic Christmas songs including “Winter Wonderland, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas, What Child Is This”, and “The Little Drummer Boy.”

**Celebrate the Holiday Season at Your Library**

T wo Oahu libraries – Kaimuki Public Library and Kaliihi-Palama Public Library – will provide an early Christmas present for their respective communities in the first week of December. Both libraries will be adding another day to their public service schedules, increasing from five to six days of service!

“We would like to say mahalo nui loa to Governor Abercrombie for lifting the hiring freeze which allowed us to recruit and fill the vacancies at these libraries,” said State Librarian Richard Burns. “We would also like to thank the legislators, the Board of Education, and the unions for their support to help make these additional hours possible.”

“We are especially appreciative of the staff at these two libraries and congratulate them for making significant personal sacrifices in order to provide increased public service for all HSPLS patrons,” said Burns.

Kaimuki Public Library (1041 Koko Head Avenue) will add Friday to its schedule beginning December 7 and will be open that day from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Library’s new public service schedule will be: Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday-closed.

Kaliihi-Palama Public Library (1325 Kalihi Street) will add Saturday to its schedule starting December 8 and will be open that day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Patrons are advised the Library will be opening one hour later on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 10 a.m. beginning the week of December 2. The Library’s new public service schedule will be: Monday and Wednesday, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday-closed.

**Mark Your Calendars**

- **Dec. 3, 5-8 p.m.** – Mountain View Public Library’s 35th Anniversary Celebration.
- **Dec. 4, 7-9 p.m.** – Friends of the Library’s Holiday Book Sale.
- **Dec. 5, 9-11 a.m.** – In-person registration period per month to use Microsoft IT Academy via the HSPLS website through September.
- **Dec. 10, 10 a.m.** – Kaimuki Library hosts the annual Kaimuki Christmas Bazaar.
- **Dec. 17, 10 a.m.** – Ho’oponopono Little Drummer Boy storytime.
- **Dec. 18, 10 a.m.** – Kaimuki’s Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.
- **Feb. 9, 1-3 p.m.** – Kaimuki’s Annual Library Day of Service.

For more information, please visit the Library’s website: www.libraryhawaii.org.
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All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Contact the hosting library as soon as possible for more information or if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed.

“Downtown Display” – December 1-31 at Hawaii State Library (First Floor Reading Room during normal library hours; ph. 586-3555): See a miniature version of a busy little town in full holiday/winter mood created by nonagenerian Allan Wallace; suitable for all ages.

“Honolulu Handbell Ensemble Christmas Concert” – Saturday, December 8, 6:00 p.m. at HPU; ph. 898-3246): The Honolulu Handbell Ensemble will perform music of the Holiday Season using English handbells and china plates.

“Tis the Season Storytime” – Storyteller-Librarian Vicky Dewrang will present a family program of stories for the Winter Holiday Season in celebration of Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa at three Oahu public libraries: Saturday, December 8, 1 p.m. at Ewa Public Library; Sunday, December 9, 10:30 a.m. at Leilehua Library; and Sunday, December 30, 10:30 a.m. at Kailua Public Library. For more information, contact Kailua’s Children’s Librarian, Marion Tse (ph. 785-9435).

“Delicious and Mindful Holiday Eating” – Wednesday, December 12, 6:30 p.m. at Kamehameha Public Library (Children’s Section; ph. 233-5676): Registered Dietitian Rita Madden will provide tips on staying healthy during the holidays through delicious recipes and sensible eating. Food samples will be offered for tasting. This program is suitable for ages 12 and older.

“Tis the Season!” - Thursday, December 13, 10 a.m. at Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped (833-8444): Ron Miyashiro and Company will perform songs of Christmas’ past and present.

“Santa Night” – Wednesday, December 19, 6:30 p.m. at Kapolei Public Library (Children’s Section; ph. 693-7050): Puppeteer Christy Lipp will present favorite children’s Holiday Season stories in a lively puppet show featuring beautifully hand-crafted puppets, finger plays, and songs. Then Santa and his elf will arrive to greet keiki: bring a camera for a photo op with Santa! The Friends of the Library Kapolei is sponsoring this program which is suitable for all ages.

All public libraries are scheduled to host Holiday Season Programs-Events. Please call your local library for more information.

2012 HSPLS Accomplishments, from front page
(LEED) Gold Certification in June, and recognition in Library Journal’s annual achievements in architecture.

New Manoa Public Library Opens on June 9

Recommended Children’s Books

Angela Navarra

I LOVE YOU, LITTLE BEAR (Birth Preschool)
In this touch-and-feel board book, Little Bear and Mother Bear take a walk and say hello to several animals they meet along the way.

James Rumford

HOW GUTENBERG CHANGED THE WORLD (Gr. 2-6) Can you imagine a book written as a series of riddles and illustrated in the style of medieval manuscripts? Learn how Johannes Gutenberg changed the world with his invention of printing books with movable type.

David Shannon

JANGLES: A BIG FISH STORY (Preschool-Gr. 3) A boy listens to his father tell a story about a fish named Jangles who was so big he could eat eagles from the trees! The illustrations by David Shannon are dark and luminous and complement the mood of the tale.

Lahaina Library Reopens

A crowd of more than 300 people attended the Salute to Volunteers Re-opening and Blessing Ceremony of Lahaina Public Library on November 18. The Rotary Club of Lahaina, in cooperation with the Hawaii State Public Library System and Maui Friends of the Library, completed this $280,000 interior renovation project at no cost to the State. The project included floor re-surfacing, repainting of walls, and new book shelves, furniture and circulation desk. (G-1) State Librarian of Hawaii Kip Burns, Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Maui Mayor Alan Arakawa watch as Pastor Laki Kaahumanu blows a conch shell during the blessing. (Photo courtesy of Kip Burns)

HSPLS Receives $1,800 Donation

Certification Materials for Arborist-Tree Worker

By Miriam Sato, Section Head, Hawaii State Library Business, Science & Technology

The Aloha Arborist Association, Carol Kwan Consulting LLC, and the Western Chapter International Society of Arboriculture have presented a donation of more than $1,800 worth of informational materials to the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS). This donation is funded by a grant from the Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Program of the Dept. of Land and Natural Resources’ Division of Forestry and Wildlife, the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Forest Service, and the Kaulunani Urban Forest Council.

Certified Arborist Carol Kwan was instrumental in writing a grant to purchase books and DVDs that will enable those who are interested in receiving certification or re-certification as an Arborist or Certified Tree Worker. Copies of these materials are available at the Hawaii State Library, Kapolei, Kailua, Kalahui, Hilo and Kailua-Kona Public Libraries. Patrons can request that items be sent to their local library through the HSPLS’ intra-library loan system. For bibliographies, visit: www.library.hawaii.org; Books, Articles & Media > Book Recommendation Links > Bibliographies > Certified Arborist, Certified Tree Workers.

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By Jerry Goff, Librarian, Kaneohe Public Library

HSLP Five Year Federal Funding Plan Approved

The federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) administers the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants to States Program, which is the largest source of federal funding for America’s libraries. Last year, HSPLS received $1.16 million in LSTA funding, which we used to fund enhanced technology services such as the HSPLS Microsoft IT Academy, ChiliFresh global patron interaction platform, the Gale Cengage Powerspeak Languages database, our SirsiDynix Enterprise website portal, as well as continuing access to our online database collections, other popular resources such as eBooks and digital audio books, and to pay for network costs. Each state is required to develop a 5-year plan for its programs to strengthen the efficiency, reach, and effectiveness of library services. To read HSPLS IMLS-approved plan: visit www.libarieshawaii.org, click on “HSPLS,” scroll and select “LSTA” and click on “LSTA Five Year Plan 2013-2017.”

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