It Pays to Be Money Smart

Hawai‘i State Library will offer free programs during Money Smart Week @ your library (April 20 – 27). Money Smart Week @ your library is a public awareness campaign of the American Library Association and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, and is designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances.

“Alternative to Low Interest Rates: Dividend Investing” will be presented by financial advisor David Ching on April 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hawaii & Pacific Reading Room. Ching will discuss how investing dividends can contribute to a large portion of an investor’s total returns. This program will include a question-and-answer session.

“Young Entrepreneurs,” a panel discussion program, will be presented on April 20 at noon in the Hawaii & Pacific Reading Room. The panel will feature Eric Teshima and Carson Wong, two founders of the Kalani Robotics Team 3008, and Kimo Wong, an executive officer of a major Hawaii bank who specializes in business banking. Teshima and Carson Wong, who are both attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa on four-year, full-tuition scholarships, are 2012 graduates of Kalani High School and owners/partners of Bristlebots, LLC, a company that creates educational robotic kits. Discussion topics will include starting your own business, operating a legal business, investing your money wisely, and the importance of communication, getting good grades in school, and educational part-time work and resources. This program is suitable for ages 12 and older and will include a question and answer session.

A “Money Storytime” will be presented in the Edna Allyn Room for Children on April 27 at 10:30 a.m. Children ages 3 and older, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, are invited to learn about money through stories and crafts.

Contact the Library two weeks in advance if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed for these programs. For more information, please call the Library’s Business, Science & Technology Section at 586-3481.
Hawaii State Library Centennial
April Events

Hawaii State Library, the flag-ship of the Hawaii State Public Library System, is celebrating its Centennial Anniversary in 2013. The Library, located at 478 South King Street, opened on February 1, 1913. An historical exhibit about the Hawaii State Library will be featured in the First Floor Reading Room throughout the celebration. In addition to its regular Saturday morning Children’s Storytimes in the Edna Allyn Room, the Library will offer special programs and new exhibits each month during its Centennial Year.

Upcoming highlights for April include:

• Lobby exhibit for April: Beyond the Flower Lei: Contempory Interpretations of a Hawaiian Tradition
• April 13, 2 p.m. – Light from Everywhere – First Floor Reading Room. Author Eric Paul Shaffer will read a selection of classic and contemporary poems about illumination in unusual events, people, places, and things.
• April 20, 1 p.m. – Traditional Korean Music – Lobby. Musicians will perform with traditional Korean musical instruments and sing songs.
• April 27, 2 p.m. – Tongan-style Lei-making

The Holo I Mua will announce more special events and exhibitions for you to celebrate the first floor of the Hawaii State Library.

The new 17,200 square foot Library was designed by CDS International and will replace the existing 10,000 square foot Library, which is located at 99-143 Moanalua Road. The new building’s design will be reminiscent of the old sugar mill with simple, tall gabled roofs, and exposed structures, mechanical and air-conditioning duct work within the interior space. The Library’s exterior will be created from materials similar to industrial buildings, but will be elegant in design and appearance. It will include shelving to accommodate up to 78,000 books and 8,000 DVDs and CDs; free wireless Internet access with a valid Hawaii State Public Library System library card; and 10 computers for public use; a large program room for library programs, community meetings and activities; and much more parking for library patrons.

The new Aiea Public Library will be an environmentally-friendly facility that will seek LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver Certification and will include features to reduce electricity costs, such as 6,000 square feet of photovoltaic solar panels, a high-efficiency air-conditioning system, maximum use of daylight, motion light sensors, a light- dimming system, and features to reduce water usage costs, such as water-efficient fixtures and drought-tolerant plants in the library's landscaping.

The original Aiea Public Library opened in 1964 and featured a unique hexagonal shape designed by architect Stephen Oyakawa, an associate of Frank Lloyd Wright. The original Library will remain open while the new Library is being built, with a planned opening in 2014.