**Take the HSPLS Customer Satisfaction Survey**

**Hawaii’s Public Libraries Seek Patron Feedback throughout July**

**We need your opinions!** The Hawaii State Public Library System is currently conducting our 2013 Customer Satisfaction Survey to obtain feedback from library users about our collections and services. The survey, which will be conducted through July 31, will help us identify areas where we can improve our services and better meet the needs of our communities. The customer satisfaction survey will also gather responses concerning our online databases, e-Learning resources, eBooks/Audio/Music collections, and Internet scheduling self-service system, which will be included in our annual Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant report.

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We would like to thank our legislators for providing funding to renovate these Neighbor Island public libraries to ensure health and safety priorities are met for our patrons and staff," said State Librarian Richard Burns. “Summer is normally the dry season in Hawaii and it is a good time to schedule our re-roofing and other renovation projects.”

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Bean-Planting Kit a Hit at Libraries

All participants in the 2013 HSPLS Children’s Summer Reading Program received a “hands on” gardening kit as a perfect tie-in to the Program’s theme “Dig into Reading.” The intent of the interactive project was to encourage children to learn more about gardening, plants, composting and science as well as “grow and expand” their young minds.

“The bean planting kits (our week 2 incentive) were a big hit with the kids,” said Princeville Library Branch Manager Michelle Young. “One boy even brought his plant back to the library, and proudly showed off his five-inch sprout to each of the library staff members and summer reading program volunteer. His mom said he planted some in their front yard at home which was growing even taller.”

“Dig into Reading” and watch your keiki grow and thrive!

Ed2Go is Now Learn4Life

Database Name Change Benefits Library Patrons

Ed2Go, the electronic database that offers free instructor-led online courses through the HSPLS website, has been renamed Learn4Life by its provider Gale/Cengage Learning.

“Learn4Life is a more appropriate name for this database and public library users will now be able to differentiate this electronic resource from the academic version,” said State Librarian Richard Burns. “Library users can simply enter their library card number instead of a passcode to enroll in a course.”

Learn4Life will provide our patrons with additional opportunities to increase their personal and career development, help them lead more productive lives, and support their lifelong learning needs. Library patrons will be able to enroll in hundreds of courses in a variety of subjects ranging from personal finance to digital photography, health and wellness, including 19 that can lead to continuing education credits.

Learn4Life courses are developed by expert instructors, many currently working at universities around the country, and have continuous enrollment dates. Each individual course is offered online for six weeks and features 12 lessons with online discussions, homework, quizzes and a final exam.

Hawaii residents can enroll and participate in courses from library computers or remotely from their home computer or mobile device. To access Learn4Life, visit the HSPLS Home Page (www.libraries.hawaii.org) and click on the “E-Learning @ Your Library” logo in the right column.

Patrons will need a valid HSPLS library card and must enter the card number to register for a class. Funding for Learn4Life is provided by the federal Library Services and Technology Act, which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Spotlight on:
Kahului Public Library

Kahului Public Library, located at 90 School Street, provides library services to the communities of Kahului and the central Maui area. The Library opened on February 9, 1963, and is the second largest library on Maui (Kihei Public Library is the largest Maui library). The architect for the Library was Noboru Kobayashi and the contractor was F & M Contractors.

Kahului Public Library celebrated its 50th Anniversary this year with special programs, performances and events (see Holo I Mua, March 2013, page 3 news article and photo: http://hawaii.sdp.sirsi.net/custom/web/con tent/13%20March.pdf). The Library offers the largest library collection on the Valley Isle, including books, DVDs, CDs and magazines; the Maui News in print and microfilm archives from the 1990s to the present; in addition to 20 public access computers.

On April 17, 1988, the Library was redesecrated following a renovation that increased floor space and added an enclosed, air-conditioned Hawaiian Room. Recent renovations included the installation of a rooftop photovoltaic energy system in 2011, extensive repairs to the air-conditioning unit in 2010, and electrical upgrades and installation of additional electrical outlets in 2012 to accommodate additional computers and other related electronic equipment.

Alehia Kontis ENCHANTED
(Gr. 8-12) Summer loves to write stories but has a problem: when she reads them aloud, they tend to come true. Guess what happens when a frog claiming to be a cursed human and a teenage reaper and her limits are tested as she discovers how far she will go to help the souls and herself.

Agrak Croak
(Gr. 9-12) Lexington “Lex” Battleby is a juvenile delinquent who is sent to her Uncle Mort’s farm after her latest stunt. Instead of turning her life around, “Lex” becomes a Grimm reaper and her limits are tested as she discovers how far she will go to help the souls and herself.

Erik Jade Lange BUTTER
(Gr. 9-12) Butter, a morbibly obese teenage, is sick of being invisible but doesn’t really want to make a splash either. One day, Butter is finally pushed over the edge and posts a blog about his last meal but instead it brings him instant popularity.

David Levithan EVERYDAY
(Gr. 9-12) Everyday a boy named “A” wakes up in a different body. Find out what happens when “A” meets Rhiannon, the girl-friend of Justin, the boy whose body he inhabits.

Oahu Librarians Find Adventure in Peruvian Amazon

Two librarians from the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) returned home after a two-week adventure in the jungles of the Peruvian Amazon. After enduring approximately 27 hours of travel, Tisha Aragaki, Section Head for the Hawaii State Library’s Edna Alyn Room for Children, and Jolene Miyaji, Children’s Librarian at Waipahu Public Library, landed in Iquitos, Peru, and headed straight into the rainforests of the Napo region of the Peruvian Amazon where their adventure began.

Aragaki and Miyaji were volunteer participants in the Adopt-a-School Program of CONAPAC, the Civil Association for Conservation of the Peruvian Amazon Environment, whose purpose is the conservation of the Peruvian Amazon primary rainforest. The ten-day project included deliveries of school supplies and installations of water purification systems in several villages along the Amazon and Napo Rivers. In addition, the team of volunteers spent two days conducting improvement projects and working with children at the CONAPAC Amazon Library.

At the conclusion of the project, the two HSPLS librarians remained in Iquitos for a few more days to visit and network with some of the area libraries. Overall, the project was challenging at times, but the work was incredibly rewarding. While this was Miyaji’s first visit to Peru, it was Aragaki’s third visit and second time as a project participant. Are they planning to return to the rainforests again next year? Only time will tell . . .

(Left to right) HSPLS librarians Tisha Aragaki and Jolene Miyaji assisted teacher Fernando with the installation of water purification systems in Napo region villages of the Peruvian Amazon.

Photo courtesy of Tisha Aragaki