June Events

Hawaii State Library (HSL) will continue celebrating its Centennial Anniversary through December 2013. The Library, located at 478 South King Street, opened on February 1, 1913. An historical exhibit about the 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 (EAR), the Library will offer free special programs and new exhibits each month during its Centennial year. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

• Lobby exhibit for June: Unseen Treasures of the Hawaii State Library
• June 8, 11:30 a.m., HSL-EAR – Bricks 4 Kidz LEGO Building Class. Build simple structures using LEGO bricks while exploring math, engineering, architecture, science, and physics. Pre-registration is required; call 586-3500 to register.
• June 15, 10:30 a.m., HSL-EAR: Storytime: Dig into a Garden of Stories. Library/Storyteller Vicky Dworkin will share folktales from around the world that involve digging, gardens, plants, and buried treasure using gardens, plants, and buried treasure using digging, gardens, plants, and buried treasure using LEGO bricks while exploring math, engineering, architecture, science, and physics. Pre-registration is required; call 586-3500 to register.

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) offered free informational materials about library services, promoted this year’s summer reading programs, and handed out Hawaii State Library Centennial balloons to more than 500 people at the 2013 Hawaii Book & Music Festival May 18-19 at Honolulu Hale’s Frank F. Fasi Civic Grounds. Library staff members (f) Kapua Ruiz, Lela Yanag, and Sharon Fong spoke with interested attendees at the HSPLS booth.

• June 22, 11:30 a.m., Lobby – Meet Ukulele Sensation Aidan James. Eleven-year-old Aidan James Laprete Powell, who started taking ukulele lessons at age 4, has performed with Train (“Hey Soul Sister”) in Honolulu, and was the opening act for Jake Shimabukuro and Jack Johnson.
• June 29, 1 p.m., Lobby – Honolulu Handbell Ensemble Concert. The ensemble will perform Broadway, classical, and movie music using English handbells and chimes.

Shoji Ledward is a local musician, performer, jazz, rock, and ukulele music, and provide basic guitar instructions for aspiring teen musicians.

A colorful Chinese dragon from the Gee Yung Dragon and Lion Dance Association patrols the Hawaii State Library Courtyard to ward off any evil spirits during the Library’s 100th Birthday Party on May 18. An estimated 2,600 people attended the free, day-long Centennial Celebration which also featured Scottish bagpipes and dancers, a balloon storytime, passport processing, photo opportunities with Star Wars characters from the Pacific Outreach of the 501st Imperial Legion, a Miss Vamp and Count Dracula Read Aloud, and more.

• June 22, 11:30 a.m., Courtyard – Dig into Art: Printing with Root Vegetables. Keiki ages 5 and older are invited to join Artist/Educator Quila Lynn Young to explore printing techniques using vegetables from the garden or supermarket.
• June 22, 1 p.m., First Floor Reading Room - Walk/Bike/Drive. The Hawaii Bicycling League will discuss laws that govern cyclists, most common crashes between drivers and cyclists, and more. The Department of Transportation is sponsoring this program for adults.

The Holo I Mua will announce more special programs and exhibits scheduled in upcoming issues.

Customer Satisfaction Survey Starts June 17

We want your opinions! The Hawaii State Public Library System will conduct our 2013 Customer Satisfaction Survey to get feedback from library users about our collections and services from June 17 through July 31. The survey 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/eAudio/eMusic collection, and Internet scheduling self-service system, which we need for our annual Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) report.

Your feedback is very important to us. The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and will be available online at www.libraryshawaii.org and in paper version at all 50 libraries statewide.

Sign up for Summer Reading Programs

Readers of all ages are invited to “Dig into Reading” and participate in the 2013 Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) Summer Reading Programs which will be conducted from June 2 through July 6. Registration for the free five-week programs is now being conducted at all public libraries. Participants who visit their local library and read at least one book per week are eligible to receive a free weekly reading incentive, while supplies last. Some libraries will conduct six-week programs; contact your local library for dates and other guidelines.

This year’s programs and themes are:

Children (infants to children entering grade 6 this fall) – “Dig into Reading” will encourage young readers to explore all things underground and undersea including dinosaurs, vehicles, construction vehicles, animals and wildlife. Ancient Egypt, caves, and rocks. As a perfect tie-in, each participant will receive a “hands on” gardening kit with seeds, a biodegradable pot, potting soil and planting instructions.

In addition, participants may enter a lucky drawing to win a “Gardening Fun” Gift Basket in their respective branch library.

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Teen (students entering grade 7 to 2013 high school graduates) – “Be beneath the Surface” will motivate teens to find out what’s beneath the surface of the earth, the ocean, history, mainstream popular culture, and even under your own skin. Participating teens may also enter a lucky drawing to win a Notebook computer and other awesome prizes.

Adult (patrons 18 and older) – “Groundbreaking Reads” will inspire adults to “dig into” books that have made an impact – literary, scientific, or personal – and even books about past decades, archaeology, caving, gardening, and geology. Participating adults may also enter a lucky drawing to win an e-reader.


For more information about our summer reading programs: visit www.library.hawaii.org, like us at www.facebook.com/HSPLSHIgov, follow us on www.twitter.com/HSPLSHIgov, or call your local library.

See Special Summer Performances

The Hawai'i State Public Library System will present special free weekly performances of featured artists during the 2013 Summer Reading Programs (SRP), courtesy of the Friends of the Library of Hawaii and nearly forty (40) SRP corporate sponsors.

The Children’s Summer Reading Program will highlight:

Bento Rakugo. Artistic director Yasu Ishida and his troupe perform in the traditional Rakugo (“fallen words”) storytelling style with a modern twist to the Japanese comedy. All stories will be spoken in English. Experience Rakugo at 11 selected Oahu, Big Island, Lanai, and Molokai libraries from June 8-29.

Ronald McDonald. It’s Book Time! This year’s immersive performance featuring a creative blend of music, magic, and games to reinforce the idea that reading books is fun and educational. McDonald’s Restaurants of Hawaii is sponsoring this special event for children of all ages at 13 selected Oahu libraries from June-July.

Uncle Wayne’s Watkins & the Howling Dog Band. Toddlers and preschoolers, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, are invited to experience a performance by “Uncle Wayne” and his Band at nine selected libraries on Lanai, Maui, Molokai, and Oahu from June 8-29. Watkins, an Early Childhood educator, will inspire children to laugh, dance, and sing-along to classic children’s songs and original compositions. Sponsors: programs-hosting libraries’ Friends chapters; travel arrangements: to Lanai and Molokai-Maui Friends of the Library, to Maui-Kay A. Edwards Memorial Fund.

Dave Del Rocco. “Stories of Hawaii and the World.” Local storyteller and former HSPLS librarian Dave Del Rocco will present folktales from Hawaii and other places around the world at six selected libraries on the Big Island, Kauai, and Oahu from June 22-July 6. Del Rocco’s humorous tales explain how different cultures view aspects of their world.

Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble. “The Art of Taiko.” Taiko master Kenny Endo and his ensemble will demonstrate the art of performing with taiko (Japanese drums) at five selected Kauai and Oahu libraries from June 29-July 13.

Other special performers and presenters will be featured at selected libraries.

Performing artists from the Statewide Cultural Extension Program will be featured by the University of Hawai'i’s Outreach College, the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Recommended Children’s Books

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Denise Fleming

UNDERGROUND
(Preschool-Gr. 1) A beautifully-illustrated cross-section of the busy underground world where creatures burrow, live and thrive. Concise, rhythmic text contrasts the world above and the world below.

Julie Foglmann

AND THEN IT’S SPRING
(Preschool-Gr. 2) A boy plants seeds in the barren, brown earth in late winter and anxiously waits for them to sprout and grow. He worries about them constantly and waits vigilantly with his companion: a dog, turtle, rabbit and bird.

Patricia MacLachlan

WAITING FOR THE MAGIC
(Gr. 3-5) William’s father leaves the family to do something writing on his own, leaving behind a pregnant wife, a ten-year-old son, and four-year-old daughter. As the family slowly starts to adjust to this new way of life, the magic begins!

Jennifer Nielsen

THE FALSE PRINCE
(ASCENDANCE TRIOLOGY; BOOK 1) (Gr. 5-9) The royal family has been poisoned, and Carthya is threatened by the neighboring kingdoms, as well as from within. Evirun Conner, one of the regents of Carthya, devises a desperate plot to find an impersonator for Prince Jaron, the king’s long-lost son.

Tommy Paikai

GRANDPA'S MIXED-UP LUAU
(Preschool-Gr. 2) Asoke! Grandma is busy getting ready for the family luau and asks Grandpa to help pick up some of the oro food she needs. Grandma is eager to help but is a little confused when Aron arises as he brings back something very different each time Grandma sends him out.

Hawaii Summer Reading Programs

The Hawaii State Public Library System has expanded its digital collection with the addition of Disney Digital Books through OverDrive, a global leader in digital media services. This new collection features nearly 700 Disney Online Books suitable for kids in preschool through middle school.

The Disney Online Books are browser-based and can be enjoyed on either a Windows or Mac computer or Apple device. Disney eBooks can be downloaded to a computer, and transferred to a compatible eBook Reader, such as Sony Reader, NOOK, iPhone or iPad, or Sony Reader. Users can choose eBooks of favorite Disney characters and movies such as Mickey Mouse, Winnie the Pooh, Lion King, High School Musical, and Toy Story in picture books and full-color chapter books.

To check out Disney Digital Books, users will need a valid HSPLS library card and a computer with an Internet connection. These eBooks can be used by an unlimited number of simultaneous users, so there is no waiting list. At the end of the lending period, titles automatically expire and are returned to the collection. For more information, visit the website at www.library.hawaii.org and let the Magic begin!