State Librarian Retires This Year Praises HSPLS Milestones

Richard Burns, who has served with distinction as the State Librarian of the Hawaii State Public Library System since January 2008, has informed the Board of Education of his retirement at the end of the year, completing more than 30 years of dedicated service, the last seven as Hawaii’s State Librarian.

Working through a severe economic downturn that resulted in limited resources, hiring freezes and furlough days, the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) achieved many notable milestones over the past 6 1/2 years. Under Burns’ leadership, HSPLS expanded public service days and hours, improved and enlarged collections, increased the number of free public programs and services, further developed traditional and print collections while moving forward into the wireless, e-book and digital arenas, and heightened the value the library system provides for users across the state. HSPLS has laid the foundation for future development and success, and is well-positioned to provide patrons with the resources they will need to achieve academically, build their futures in the world of technology, prepare themselves for employment in the

New Aiea Library Grand Opening is July 19

The new environmentally-friendly Aiea Public Library will be dedicated in a Grand Opening Ceremony on Saturday, July 19 at 10 a.m. and officially open after the ceremony. Governor Neil Abercrombie is scheduled to participate in the ceremony.

This $10.4 million, 17,200-square-foot Library is located on the site of the former Aiea Sugar Mill at 99-374 Pohai Place. The new Library will seek LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver Certification and includes features to reduce electricity consumption, such as a high-efficiency air-conditioning system and 6,000 square feet of photovoltaic solar panels.

The new Library replaces the former 10,724-square-foot building at 99-143 Moanalua Road that opened in 1964 and served library users for nearly 50 years. As the community and usage grew, the need for a larger facility became a reality. The original Library closed its doors for the last time on June 7.

The new Library was designed by CDS International and is reminiscent of the old sugar mill with simple, tall gabled roofs, and exposed structures, mechanical
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modern workplace and lead engaged, fulfilling lives.

Technology Resources Upgraded
- Partnering with the University of Hawaii and the State Department of Education during 2010-2013 to complete two federal Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) grants totaling $36 million, providing free wireless Internet access in all 50 public libraries statewide; new public access computers, including 54 ADA accessible workstations with assistive software; new hardware and software; and high-speed fiber optic connectivity for public libraries, public schools and community college campuses
- Leveraged a $823,000 Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Opportunity Online hardware grant with the BTOP grant to install more than 780 new public access computers and workstations
- Partnered with Microsoft to become the only statewide public library system in the world to offer all our patrons free access to the Microsoft IT Academy and Digital Literacy Program which provides online digital literacy and advanced technology training
- HSPLS’ significant technology implementations, upgrades and enhancements led directly to the Library System earning the State of Hawaii’s first Excellence in Technology Award in October 2012, and a State Technology Modernization Award from the Office of Information Management and Technology in 2013 for implementing a computer training program and rollout of the HSPLS Mobile Netbook Loan Program in 37 branches.

Noteworthy Facility Achievements
- Grand Openings of North Kohala Public Library (2010), Manoa Public Library (2012), and upcoming Aiea Public Library (July 19, 2014). Both the North Kohala and Manoa Public Libraries earned the coveted Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification. Ground breaking for a new Nanakuli Public Library, the 51st branch in HSPLS, is anticipated before the end of 2014, and a minimum LEED Silver Certification will be pursued for this facility.
- Many HSPLS libraries were retrofitted with environmentally-conscious technologies such as photovoltaics, wind turbines, energy-efficient lighting, window tinting, and water catchment to reduce energy costs.

Services and Programs Increased
- Over the past two years, Kaimuki, Kalili-Palama, Manoa, Pahala, Waipahu, Wahiawa, and Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Libraries have adjusted or increased their public service hours to offer more evening and weekend hours.
- The Summer Reading Programs, fully funded through the Friends of the Library of Hawaii and their Summer Reading corporate and non-profit sponsors, saw record growth: between 2009 and 2012, participation grew by 41%.

“I am grateful to both the current and previous Boards of Education and all their members who have supported the Hawaii State Public Library System over the past seven years,” said State Librarian Richard Burns. “It has been an honor and a privilege to have been able to accomplish so much progress is impressive; to have been able to do so in an era of budget freezes, furloughs, and pay reductions is truly amazing.”

“Under Richard’s leadership and our board’s planning process, we have positioned our libraries to become more community gathering places that also provide access to technology, vocational training, and are a resource for digital literacy,” said Board of Education Chairman Don Horner.

A Board of Education selection committee will be chaired by Board Member Amy Asselbaye and include Chairman Don Horner, and a representative from the Friends of the Library of Hawaii. The Committee will begin a local and national search for Hawaii’s next State Librarian, with the goal of announcing an appointment prior to the end of 2014. (For the entire story, visit www.librarieshawaii.org)

Young Readers Sign up and Touch A Truck
More than 700 children and adults in the Mililani community attended “Touch A Truck,” a free event to kick-off the 2014 Children’s Summer Reading Program at Mililani Public Library May 31. Children who registered for the Program got to “Touch A Truck” - big trucks - and learn all about them. Curtiss Hinden, Mililani High School Automotive Technology Teacher, answered questions about automobile and truck engines and what makes the vehicles “roll.” Science-related activities were offered inside the Library. Participants entered lucky drawings to win prizes. Six-year old DJ Reiser (left) and Kyson Arizala (age 5) signed up for the Children’s Summer Reading Program and got to touch and explore this “Monster” truck loaned by Maui Off Road for the special event.
NewTeenTitles

By Lauren Yamasaki, Young Adult & Senior Services Librarian, Aina Haina Public Library

Rachel Neumeier
BLACK DOG (Gr. 7-12) Alejandro, a black dog shape-shifter, leads his younger siblings into the dangerous territory of the Dimilioc wolves. Fiercely protective of his human brother and magic wielding sister, Alejandro must find a way to win a place for them in the pack.

Robin McKinley
SHADOWS (Gr. 7-12) Maggie’s mother is wildly in love with her new husband Val, but Maggie can see her stepfather for what he truly is – a suspicious foreigner cloaked in living shadows that reach out to her when her mother is not around.

Jenny Han
TO ALL THE BOYS I’VE LOVED BEFORE (Gr. 7-12) Lara Jean has written secret love letters to her five crushes to vent feelings she would otherwise never express. These letters were never meant to be seen by them, or anyone, but then one day all five letters are sent.

E. K. Johnston
THE STORY OF OWEN: DRAGON SLAYER OF TRONDHEIM (Gr. 7-12) Assisted by his algebra-tutor-slash-bard Siobhan, Owen guards his small Canadian town from rising dragon attacks in an alternate modern world where dragons crave carbon emissions.

Conrad Wesselhoeft
DIRT BIKES, DRONES, AND OTHER WAYS TO FLY (Gr. 9-12) Arlo finds escape from his troubled family through dirt biking and video gaming. When his exceptional skill at the game Drone Pilot gets him noticed by the Air Force, Arlo is enlisted to fly real drones over Pakistan.

David Baldacci
THE FINISHER (Gr. 7-12) Fourteen-year-old Vega lives in a village surrounded by the Quag, a forest of deadly beasts. After her mentor Quentin disappears into the forest, she begins to wonder if a better life could exist beyond the Quag.

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and air-conditioning duct work within the interior space. The Library includes shelving to accommodate up to 78,000 books and 8,000 DVDs and CDs; free wireless Internet access with a valid HSPLS library card; 12 public Internet computers, two public access computers (electronic card catalogs); a large program room for library events, community meetings and activities; and more parking stalls for library patrons.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new library was conducted on March 16, 2013. Governor Abercrombie and other invited dignitaries participated in the ceremony and program that was attended by more than 200 people.

Eleven Foreign Languages Added, from front page

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.

For more information, select the “E-Learning @ Your Library” button on our HSPLS website. Create a profile by providing your email address and password, follow the easy instructions to activate your Mango Language account and start learning Hawaiian and these new foreign languages today!

Pahala Library Offers New Hours

Pahala Public & School Library (Big Island), located on the campus of Pahala Elementary and Kau High Schools at 96-3150 Pikake Street, will offer its patrons new public service hours beginning Monday, July 14: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, noon to 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, noon to 5 p.m.; Closed Saturday and Sunday.

For information about the Library’s programs and services, please call 928-2015.
Spotlight on:
Kaimuki Public Library

By Maile Davis

Kaimuki Public Library is conveniently located just off the east-bound Koko Head Avenue freeway off-ramp at the intersection of Koko Head and Harding Avenues. The Library was designed by local architect Shoso Kagawa, opened on June 17, 1965 and will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year.

Our busy regional library is open six days a week; including Monday and Tuesday nights until 8 p.m. Kaimuki Public Library is one of only three public libraries open on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m., our children’s librarian presents a Children’s Storytime followed by a fun craft, which is a popular family activity. This year, our young adult librarian began showing family-friendly movies on Tuesday evenings in our covered parking area.

Our Adult section has 13 public Internet computers with printers that are constantly in use for homework help, job applications, emailing, e-learning and more. Most of the library catalog computers include Microsoft programs, so patrons needing to work on a document without the Internet can use these computers and printers. Free wi-fi is available throughout the building for patrons to use with personal laptops and devices. In addition, our Library participates in the HSPLS Mobile, our popular netbook loan program. Four netbooks (small laptop computers) are available to borrow free, for a three week loan period. Our reference librarians will offer basic computer skills classes or tutorials soon.

As a larger resource library, our collections include Honolulu newspapers on microfilm from 1929, a new digital microfilm reader-scanner, a state government documents section with the Polks’s City Directory and the State Realty Directory and Atlas by tax divisions.

Our Library’s Summer Reading Programs for children, teens and adults are in full swing and have been extended to seven weeks, ending on July 18. In conjunction with this year’s science and technology themes, free events for all ages will be offered: July 11 at 3 p.m. “Scale Model Solar System Activity” by the UH Institute of Astronomy, and Sandra Wong’s String Studio will present “Spark a Love of Music” Concert on July 13 at 2 p.m.

The Friends of the Kaimuki Public Library staff an ongoing booksale shelf with recent sale proceeds purchasing a new dual book and media return box in the upper parking lot for patrons returning books, DVDs and CDs in separate sections.

For more information about the Library’s public service schedule, programs and services, please call 733-8422.

Parliamentary Guide Donated to Libraries

The Hawaii State Public Library System has received 50 copies of “Na Lula Halawai: A Parliamentary Guide to Conducting Meetings in Hawaiian,” a gift donation from the Hawaii State Association of Parliamentarians (HSAP) and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Patrick McNally, Head of the Hawaii State Library’s Hawaii and Pacific Section (far right), accepted the donation of books along with Department of Education (DOE) representatives (l-r) Keoni Inciong, educational specialist, Hawaiian Education Programs, and Amy Kunz, acting senior assistant superintendent (2nd from left), who accepted 226 copies of the book on behalf of the DOE for all secondary public and charter schools in Hawaii. HSAP officials Dr. William J. Puette, president (holding book); vice president Susan Glanstein and secretary Rachel Mahealani Glanstein made the presentation in the Queen Liliuokalani Building, Room 404.

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