Teen Readers Can Score Ear Bud Organizer

Teens who register for this year’s six-week HSPLS Teen Summer Reading Program can earn an Ear Bud Organizer!

The Ear Bud Organizer features three connection points that grip and hold, a loop and chain to connect easily, and will keep cords tangle-free. Keep your ear buds and valid HSPLS library card handy to access free Wi-Fi and other online services from your local public library, download Audio- books, OverDrive, and OneClickdigital, learn to speak Hawaiian and other

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Mark Your Calendars

June 11 – Kamehameha Day Holiday, all public libraries will be closed.
June 21-29 - 67th Annual Friends of the Library of Hawaii (FLH) Booksale, McKinley High School Cafeteria. The Hawaii State Federal Credit Union is this year’s Title Sponsor. Proceeds benefit the Hawaii State Public Library System. For more information, visit the FLH website: www.friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org or call them at 536-4174.
July 4-6 – Independence Day Holiday, all public libraries will be closed.
Visit www.libraryshawaii.org for public service hours.

Full STEAM Ahead

Read @ your Library

Readers of all ages are invited to learn all about science by participating in the 2014 Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) Summer Reading Programs which will be conducted from June 1 through July 12. Registration for the free six-week programs is now being conducted at all 50 public libraries statewide. 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 may extend their programs beyond July 12; 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) – “Fizz, Boom, Read” will offer children the opportunity to experiment with building lava lamps, launching rockets and creating a solar system mobile. These activities and the special “Hardware Science” program (see photo with caption on this page) will provide keiki with a fun learning experience about Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math (STEAM) concepts.

Teen (students entering grade 7 to 2014 high school graduates) – “Spark a Reaction” will motivate teens to read and discover the wonders of science.

Enjoy Special Summer Performances

Hawaii State Public Library System will present special free performances of featured artists during the 2014 Summer Reading Programs (SRP), courtesy of the Friends of the Library of Hawaii and their year-round sponsors.

Bento Rakugo, “Traditional Japanese Comic Storytelling.” Led by artistic director Yasu Ishida, Bento Rakugo performs in the traditional Rakugo (Japanese translation: “fallen words”) storytelling style with a modern twist to the Japanese comedy. In Rakugo, the performer presents a comic story while sitting on a Japanese cushion throughout the entire performance, speaking all of the voices in both the first person and third person. All stories will be spoken in English. Experience Rakugo storytelling at selected libraries statewide.

Ronald McDonald, “It’s Book Time!” Ronald McDonald will offer a fun-filled interactive performance featuring a creative blend of music, magic,
In addition to reading, the lucky drawing to win an e-reader—reading and learning about science.

Adult (patrons 18 and older) – “Literary Elements” will encourage adults to experience the joy of reading and learning about science. Participating adults may also enter a lucky drawing to win an e-reader.

In addition to reading, the programs will feature performances by artists from the University of Hawaii’s Statewide Cultural Extension Program. Performance programs will be highlighted in this issue and on the HSPLS website (www.librarieshawaii.org).


Corporate sponsors include McDonald’s Restaurants of Hawaii, Hawaii Pizza Hut, Frito-Lay of Hawaii, First Insurance Company of Hawaii, NOAA Fisheries Pacific Islands Region, HouseMart Ace Hardware and HouseMart Ben Franklin Crafts, HONOLULU Family, Starbucks Coffee Company, and Thinker Toys Kahala Mall. Performance programs are made possible through generous grants and donations, and are sponsored in part by the University of Hawaii’s Outreach College, Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information: visit www.librarieshawaii.org, like us at www.facebook.com/HSPLS1gov, follow us on www.twitter.com/HSPLS1gov, or call your local public library.

Dean Ramos (center), Wizard-in-Training of HouseMart Ace Hardware and HouseMart Ben Franklin Crafts, and (l-r) helpers Joy Shimabukuro and Kristane Gaspar, invite Oahu keiki ages 8 and older to experience a special “Hardware Science” program at 19 selected Oahu public libraries. Ramos will teach keiki how to think like a scientist and demonstrate how to create science projects like an Air Blaster and Inertia Cups (see red cups) that explore air currents and gravity principles, using simple equipment and tools available at hardware and craft stores. This program will also be conducted by other HouseMart Ace Hardware and HouseMart Ben Franklin Crafts presenters at 16 selected Big Island, Kauai, and Maui libraries. Visit www.librarieshawaii.org for the complete program schedule.

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Fizz! Boom! Read Science books @ your Library! As the Children’s Summer Reading Program begins, here are samples of new science books available at some of our local public libraries:

**Charlotte Diamond**

**SLIPPERY FISH IN HAWAII**
(Preschool) Many preschoolers know the song “Slippery Fish” (also known as “Octopus”). This board book highlights some of the exciting, colorful marine life that you might see in Hawaiian waters, while keeping to the original beat of the song.

**Judy Sierra**

**E-I-E-I-O: HOW OLD MACDONALD GOT HIS FARM**
(Preschool-Gr. 2) Before Old MacDonald had a farm, he had a yard. With the help of The Little Red Hen, a horse, and some worms, Old MacDonald transforms his yard into an organic farm (learn about composting and vermicomposting).

**Alexis Barad-Cutler**

**FRIENDS STICK TOGETHER**
(Kindergarten-Gr. 2) Patchi, a Pachyrhinoceratops, is the smallest dinosaur in his litter. All he wants to do is to find a friend but gets lost instead. When he meets another dinosaur, they become best friends and learn to work together to overcome many challenges.

**Andrea Cheng**

**THE YEAR OF THE BABY**
(Gr 1-4) Anna Wang is the proud older sister of Kaylee, a baby girl adopted from China. Although Kaylee has been in America for a few months, she has not gained any weight, causing her doctor’s concern for her progress. When Anna’s teacher encourages the class to focus their science fair project on something that really matters to them, Anna creates a project that may help her baby sister to thrive.

**Kate Messner**

**WAKE UP MISSING**
(Gr. 5-8) Cat suffers from bad headaches after a concussion and goes to I-CAN to treat her brain injury. Cat and another patient discover a sinister plot by doctors to implant DNA of dead scientists into the patients.

**Susan E. Goodman**

**HOW DO YOU BURP IN SPACE?**
(Gr. 3-6) Are you ready to book a trip to the moon? Your opportunity could be coming soon since some private companies have already completed test flights to outer space! This is a travel guidebook for those who may be interested in booking a flight on the first available commercial flights to Outer Space.

**First Insurance Donates $1,500 for Reading Program**

First Insurance Company of Hawaii (FICOH), one of the generous sponsors of the 2014 HSPLS Children’s Summer Reading Program, donated $1,500 at a special Monday Storytime conducted May 19 at the Hawaii State Library.

Tisha Aragaki (2nd from right), Head of the Library’s Edna Allyn Room for Children, accepted the ceremonial check presented by (l-r) FICOH Project Coordinator Tee Kaiwi, FICOH Training Consultant Maile Fuchshuber who were guest readers, and FICOH Human Resources Specialist Liane Ching. Fuchshuber read Holly Keller’s “Farfallina and Marcel,” Kaiwi read Marie Harris’ “The Girl Who Could Hear Colors,” and Aragaki read “Flotsam” by David Wiesner, to 30 preschoolers and teachers from The Early Education Center.

**Ear Bud Organizer, from front page**

languages online, and more.

Funding for the Ear Bud Organizers is provided by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii and the 2014 HSPLS Summer Reading Sponsors. For more details, visit www.librarieshawaii.org and click on “E-Learning @ Your Library.”
**Spotlight on:**

**Kailua Public Library**

Kailua Public Library is located at 239 Kuulei Road, nestled between the Kailua Police Station and Kailua Elementary School. Designed by the architectural firm of Lemmon, Freeth, Maines and Jones, the Library opened on December 28, 1960.

Kailua Public Library is a very busy library which serves the needs of the residents of Maunawili, Aikahi, Kailua, Enchanted Lake, Lanikai, Marine Corp Base Hawaii as well as the many visitors to the Windward side.

“In addition to the many HSPLS services our libraries provide, we try to reach patrons of all ages,” said Branch Manager Patti Meerians.

“Our Children’s Librarian conducts Keiki Storytime throughout the year. Each winter we offer our Adult Reading Challenge, where participants read and fill out a reading log, and during National Library Week receive a coveted Kailua Public Library mug. We have just begun our monthly Adult Reading Book Club and lending out mobile netbooks to our patrons.”

The Library is best known for its “Reading Tree” in the Children’s Room which provides an aesthetically-pleasing backdrop for storytimes and special events. A beautiful Courtyard with a fountain is located in back of the Library where patrons can go outside to read a book or magazine or chat with a friend.

Upcoming programs include: *Keiki Storytime* every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. from June 4-August 27 (except on holidays) with special guest reader Uncle Wally Amos featured on June 18, *Tail Waggin’ Tutor* on June 7 at 1:30 p.m., *It’s Book Time with Ronald McDonald* on June 16 at 1 p.m., and *Hardware Science* on June 24 at 6:30 p.m.

The Friends of Kailua Library, whose Bookstore was voted “Best Used Bookstore” by Honolulu Magazine in 2006, raises money through profits to help fund renovation of the Main Reading Room and Courtyard, and purchase additional books, CDs, DVDs, equipment, and magazines for patrons to enjoy. This summer, the Friends’ will upgrade the landscaping of the Library’s front yard.

**Special Summer Performances, from front page**

and games to reinforce the idea that reading is fun, and books play an important part of every day. McDonald’s Restaurants of Hawaii is sponsoring this special event for children of all ages at 17 selected Oahu libraries from June 2-July 29.

“Uncle Wayne” Watkins and the Howling Dog Band. (l-r) Jeff Ellison, Uncle Wayne Watkins, Dr. Pfahl, and Girish Varma. Photo courtesy of Wayne Watkins

“Uncle Wayne” 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 eight selected libraries on Lanai, Maui, Molokai, and Oahu from June 20-July 3. Watkins, an Early Childhood educator, will inspire children to laugh, dance, and sing-along to classic children’s songs and his original compositions. Sponsors: programs-Maui Friends of the Library (MFOL) and the hosting Oahu library’s Friends chapter; travel arrangements: to Lanai and Molokai-MFOL, to Maui-Kay A. Edwards Memorial Fund.

“The Insect World” – Join entomologist Dr. Ryan Caesar of the University of Hawaii at Manoa’s Dept. of Plant & Environmental Protection Sciences who will discuss insect biology and native Hawaiian insect biodiversity and conservation at selected libraries. Dr. Caesar will also share information about the University of Hawaii’s Insect Museum, which houses one of the largest collections of Hawaiian insects in the state, and is an important research facility.

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