Sign up for HSPLS Summer Reading Programs

Readers of all ages are invited to participate in the 2014 Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) Summer Reading Programs which will be conducted from Sunday, June 1 through Saturday, July 12. Registration for the free six-week programs at all 50 public libraries statewide begins on Tuesday, May 27. Some libraries may extend their programs beyond the July 12 date; contact your local library for dates and other guidelines.

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. 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 the June issue of Holo I Mua as well as on the HSPLS website.

This year’s programs will explore all things related to Science. The Children’s Summer Reading Program theme “Fizz, Boom, Read” will allow children – preschool-age to those entering grade 6 this fall – to experiment with building lava lamps, launching rockets and creating a solar system mobile. HouseMart Ace Hardware and Ben Franklin Crafts will present “Hardware Science,” a special program featuring hands-on experiences using simple equipment and tools available at hardware and craft stores, for ages 8 and older in selected Big Island, Kauai, Maui, and Oahu libraries. The activities and this program will provide keiki with a fun learning experience about Science, Technology, Engineering,

New Passport Service Hours Begin June 2

Travelers needing U.S. Passport application services at the Hawaii State Library should plan ahead. Starting Monday, June 2 new service hours will begin.

Monday through Friday Passport Service hours at the Library’s Federal Documents Section (second floor) will now be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., a two-hour reduction each day. Saturday service hours will remain the same - from 9 a.m. to noon.

“During the past three years, our office has processed an increasingly large number of passport applications,” said Stewart Chun, Head of the Federal Documents Section. “As the volume increases, more time is required for reconciling the fees collected and preparing transmittals to mail the applications to the Honolulu Passport Office. Unfortunately, the time required to accept, review and process the applications has extended beyond our capacity.”
Summer Reading Programs,
from front page

Arts & Math (STEAM) concepts.

Science exploration continues for teens – students entering grade 7 to 2014 high school graduates – with “Spark a Reaction,” the theme of the Teen Summer Reading Program, and for adults – patrons age 18 and older – with “Literary Elements,” the Adult Summer Reading Program theme.


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 Ben Franklin Crafts. 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/HSPLSHiGov, follow us on www.twitter.com/HSPLSHiGov, call your local public library, or pick up a copy of the Holo I Mua, June 2014 issue.

Learn4Life is Now Gale Courses

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

Gale Courses will provide our patrons with additional opportunities to increase their personal and career development, help them lead more engaged, fulfilling 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 to health and wellness.

Gale Courses are developed by expert instructors, many currently working at universities around the country, and new sessions begin every month. Each individual course is offered online for six weeks and features 12 lessons with online discussions, homework, quizzes and a final exam.

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“Touch A Truck”
at Mililani Library

Mark your calendars! “Touch A Truck,” a free event to kick-off the 2014 HSPLS Children’s Summer Reading Program, will be conducted at Mililani Public Library on Saturday, May 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children of all ages, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, are invited to “Touch A Truck” – big trucks – and learn all about them. Science-related activities will be offered inside the Library. Participants can enter lucky drawings to win prizes. For more information, please visit www.librarieshawaii.org.

New Passport Hours, from front page

The new hours will allow the Federal Documents Section staff more time to complete the application and mailing procedures and properly reconcile the fees each day.

“We will still maintain the walk-in passport services and keep Saturday hours without changes,” said Chun. “We appreciate the community’s support and understanding of the changes and are dedicated to providing the best quality passport services.”

For more passport acceptance information including what five items to bring, please visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call 586-3477.

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Author Makes An Impact with Teens
By Jan Kamiya

Emmy Laybourne, author of the popular Young Adult Trilogy Monument 14, visited the McCully-Moiliili Public Library on April 15. More than 60 people, including 44 teens, came to hear Laybourne read from her books and speak about her writing process.

“I had such a wonderful time,” said Laybourne. “It was one of my favorite events, ever. What beautiful, enthusiastic kids! I so enjoyed meeting them.”

Three lucky teens, Darien Fairbairn of Waianae Intermediate School; and Michael Wu and Sascha Ray of Washington Middle School each won copies of Monument 14 in a lucky drawing. The books were provided by the Friends of the McCully-Moiliili Library.

After the program, students lined up to get their books signed and for a chance to talk with Laybourne. “It was so cool for the kids to see such a down-to-earth, real-live author said Washington Middle School teacher Michele Lam. “They loved it!”

“It’s really rare that an author inspires me to write my own story,” said eighth grader Zena Rawlins. “I’m back to writing a story I started when I was 12 and I’m 14 now. Emmy is the coolest author I’ve met!”

Online Learning, from front page
by expanding learning beyond the classroom, supplementing learning through global access, training with multiple technologies, and preparation for Certification.

For more information about the HSPLS Microsoft IT Academy, please visit www.librarieshawaii.org before May 29 or after June 1, select “Services” and click on “IT Academy.”

HSPLS Will Consolidate Patron Database on June 2

The Hawaii State Public Library System’s patron database will undergo a purge of inactive accounts on June 2. Removing these accounts will provide an updated, more accurate database for our business and management uses. Inactive accounts are accounts with expired library cards and: 1) No borrowed library material in the past three years and; 2) No outstanding items, charges or fees; and/or 3) Whose card holders are former residents who have relocated from Hawaii.

The record of a patron who has not borrowed library material in the past three years or more may be purged. Patrons who visit their local library, present their library card, and discover that their record has been purged can reactivate their card, free-of-charge, by completing a new library card application form and presenting it with their card and valid identification. The database clean-up procedure will not affect currently active library patrons.

Internet computer users who do not borrow materials and only use their library card to access the library system’s Internet stations or subscription databases remotely, may notice that their accounts have been purged. These patrons can reactivate their accounts, free-of-charge, by completing a new application form and presenting it with their card and valid identification at any HSPLS library.

NewTeenTitles
By Dionicio Balisacan, Young Adult Librarian
Waikiki-Kapahulu Public Library

Danielle Page
DOROTHY MUST DIE
(Gr. 9-12) Dorothy returns to Oz and seizes power. Revolution erupts. Amy Gumm, an assassin from Kansas, has been recruited to carry out a special secret mission.

John Corey Whaley
NOGGIN
(Gr. 9-12) Travis Coates died but returns to life five years later. Heralded as a miracle of science by the news media, he tries to adjust to his new life while EVERYONE watches him.

Andrew Smith
GRASSHOPPER JUNGLE
(Gr. 9-12) Six-foot-tall praying mantises wreak havoc and cause the end of the world. The author combines a vintage horror B movie with the private inner struggle of a boy in love with both his female girlfriend and his male best friend.

Chip Kidd
GO: A KID’S GUIDE TO GRAPHIC DESIGN
(Gr. 6-12) A terrific introduction to graphic design: simply written, wonderfully organized, fun to read and filled with practical advice.

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New Microfilm Scanners Installed

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) has installed new microfilm reader/scanners at seven public libraries statewide, purchased with funding provided by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act.

The ScanPro 3000 microfilm scanner features a 26 megapixel camera, nearly twice the optical resolution of any microfilm scanner, which provides our library patrons with exceptional image quality. The optical resolution is more than 500 dpi on a letter page and saved files are both archival-quality and small in size. The on-screen magnifier lets users view text and image detail up to 800 percent.

“Our library patrons will find the ScanPro 3000 easy to use and it offers versatility and options for scanned images,” said Eugene Ishihara, HSPLS Automated Systems Equipment Supervisor. “Users can save a scanned image to their flash drive, print it, or email it to another location.”

Patrons may use the ScanPro 3000 microfilm reader/scanner at the following libraries: Hawaii State Library, Kaneohe Public Library, Kaimuki Public Library, Hilo Public Library, Kahului Public Library, Kailua-Kona Public Library, and Lihue Public Library.

Spotlight on:
Kahuku Public & School Library
by Lea Domingo

Kahuku Public & School Library is located on the campus of Kahuku High and Intermediate School at 56-490 Kamehameha Highway, on the North Shore of Oahu. Architect Dennis Toyomura designed the one-story library which opened on November 25, 1968.

Kahuku Public & School Library offers a wide range of services to students and faculty, as well as residents of Kahuku, Kaaawa, Laie, Hauula and Sunset Beach. The Library also welcomes many new and regular “snowbird” patrons who winter on the North Shore enjoying not only the warmth of Hawaii but also the friendly and personalized services provided by the staff. In addition to many HSPLS services including the mobile netbook lending program, the Library provides programing for all age levels ranging from children’s storytime, to an afterschool book club on Wednesdays, to Tuesday Night @ the Library programs.

“There is a real sense of community at our library,” said branch manager Lea Domingo. “We have patrons who have come full circle – from small kid time to their adult lives where they now accompany their children or grandchildren to borrow books or participate in our many programs. Thanks to former branch manager Francis Corcoran, our Library has become known for our educational programs and we strive to continue this valuable service.”

In conjunction with this year’s Summer Reading Programs which will explore all things related to science, the Library will offer a series of programs including: June 2, 6 p.m. - “The Wonderful World of Science,” (Science fair of experiments or exhibits, some ongoing throughout summer); June 13, 10:30 a.m. - “Franken-science: Science vs. Superstition” (games, robots, and simple technology you can make); June 20, 10:30 a.m. - “Tasty Science: Fun Chemistry Experiments You Can Eat”; and June 27, 10:30 a.m. - “So You Want to be a Natural Scientist?”

For more information and public service hours, please call the Library at 293-8935.

Kauai Twins Love Reading

The joy of reading is twice as fun at Koloa Public & School Library on Kauai. Young fraternal twins (l-r) Julian and Nathan Remigio enjoyed looking at picture books while mother Jacqueline Remigio did some work on a public Internet computer station.

Photo by Koloa Public & School Library