Season's Greetings

The Holiday Season is here! It is one of my favorite times of the year because it is about 'ohana and community. This year is the first year that my husband and I will be spending the holidays here, and we are very excited that my parents will also be joining us to celebrate.

The holiday season can be incredibly hectic, and we are here to support you! Do you need a break from shopping? Stop by one of our 50 branches and grab a magazine or book to read or attend one of our programs. Need a recipe? We have lots of great cookbooks to check out! Looking for some holiday books that the family can read together? We have those too! Do you need a good movie to relax? Check out our DVD collections.

After the holidays…if you have received a new smart phone, tablet or eReader, you can download eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines all with just your library card.

Wishing you all the warmest greetings of the season! Mele Kalikimaka a me Hau‘oli Makahiki Hou!

Stacey Aldrich
State Librarian

Mark Your Calendars

Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) and New Year’s Eve (Dec. 31): libraries normally open evenings will close no later than 5 p.m. Visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call your local library for regular public service hours. All public libraries will be closed to observe the following holidays:
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day
Jan. 1, 2016 - New Year’s

Discover Yuletide Joy @ your Library

Get in the holiday spirit by joining us for free programs and events statewide - ranging from special Holiday-themed Storytimes and Craft Activities, Christmas Concerts, Performances and Movies, to visits with Santa Claus! Young children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Contact the hosting library as soon as possible for more information or if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed. Programs and events subject to change; here is a sampling:

• Dec. 8 – “Winter Concert and Craft Night,” 5:30 p.m. at Kahuku Public & School Library (ph. 293-8935): The North Shore Keiki Chorus and North Shore Singers Company will perform festive holiday music, followed by a felt Christmas tree pen craft that participants can decorate, and light refreshments will be served.
• Dec. 10 – “The Magic of Christmas,” 10:30 a.m. at Aina Haina Public Library (ph. 377-2456): Join the Fairy Grandmother (Susie Roth) for Christmas stories, magic, and songs.
• Dec. 10 - “Harp for the Holidays,” 6 p.m. at Wailuku Public Library (ph. 243-5768): See local harpist Lily Swan perform holiday-themed music.
• Dec. 12 – “Kapolei Chorale Christmas Concert,” 10:30 a.m. at Kapolei Public Library (ph. 693-7050): Hear a performance of traditional carols as

HSPLS Breaks Ground for 51st Branch in Nanakuli

A crowd of 100 government and elected officials and area residents, including Gov. David Ige and First Lady Dawn Amano Ige, braved a steady downpour of rain to witness the blessing and groundbreaking of Hawaii’s 51st public library in Nanakuli.

The new Nanakuli Public Library will be located at 89-070 Farrington Hwy. next to Nanaikapono Elementary School. Designed by architect Glenn Miura of CDS International, the $14.8 million library will be built by Watts

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**HSPLS Hosts MakerSpace Hawaii Summit**

A MakerSpace Summit at Aiea Public Library Oct. 30 brought together statewide maker organizations who networked with hopes of collaborating in the future, in partnership with HSPLS. The group hopes to raise awareness of the vibrant Maker Hawaii Community.

**Catch Lani Moo and Calci Storytimes in December**

Come see Meadow Gold Dairies’ lovable Lani Moo and Calci and listen to stories about farm animals and healthy eating at selected Oahu libraries through Dec. 23. Parents are invited to bring their cameras and take photos of their keiki with them after the storytimes. Visit www.librarieshawaii.org for a list of participating libraries and dates. Mari Kelley (bottom right) and her mom Akiyo Kelley were thrilled to meet Calci (top left) and Lani Moo after the Storytime at Kapolei Public Library Nov. 14.

**Kristi Yamaguchi Presents Special Storytime**

Kristi Yamaguchi, Olympic Gold Medalist and Children’s Author, presented a Special Storytime at the Hawaii State Library-Edna Allyn Room for Children Nov. 23 before St. Andrews Priory kindergarteners and 5th graders. Yamaguchi read her books “It’s A Big World, Little Pig!” and “Dream Big Little Pig!” and answered questions from the students. Yamaguchi’s Always Dream Foundation supports early childhood literacy in Hawaii. Mahalo to the Friends of the Library of Hawaii for arranging this storytime.

**Libraries Receive 107,255 Hours of Volunteer Service**

A warm Mahalo to the 2,211 volunteers who generously gave of their time and contributed 107,255 hours of service to 47 public libraries and two support offices of the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) this past year. With 107,255 hours of work donated, if HSPLS paid minimum wage at $7.75 per hour, the amount would be an amazing $831,226.25!

“Thank you to all of our library volunteers for their valuable assistance this past year,” said State Librarian Stacey Aldrich. “Your contributions of time and talents have made our libraries and communities stronger. We are so grateful for your support!”

**Links to Literacy Golf Tourney Raises $150,000**

Mahalo nui loa to the Friends of the Library of Hawaii (FLH)! Their 22nd Annual Links to Literacy, a fundraiser for Hawaii’s 50 public libraries, collected $150,000 (gross) Oct. 2 at Kapolei Golf Club. Holding the ceremonial check are (l-r) FLH officials Alan Yamamoto, Isabel Figel, Brenda Tome, and Nainoa Mau.

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Whether they’re set in outer space, in the ocean or in the living room, these stories will take you on a magical ride this holiday season. Curl up on the couch with a cup of cocoa, dig your toes in the sand at the beach, or pull up a chair in your favorite library to enjoy the following aloha-filled books:

Mora Ebie, illustrated by Holly Braffet*

**LITTLE MOUSE’S HAWAIIAN CHRISTMAS PRESENT**
(Preschool-Gr. 1) Time is running out for Little Mouse to find the perfect gift to give to his parents before Christmas. Discover what Little Mouse finally comes up with after he sees his animal friends find or make thoughtful gifts for their parents. *Waialua Public Library Children’s Librarian/local artist Lisa Bullard

**CALEB’S HANUKKAH, RASHAD’S RAMADAN AND EID AL-FITR, and KEVIN’S KWANZAA**
(Preschool-Gr. 2) This non-fiction picture book series introduces young children to the religious holidays of Hanukkah, Ramadan and Kwanzaa. Four short chapters in each book provide an overview of foods, activities, and history of the respective holiday.

Christine Lê, illustrated by Michael Lê

**THE HAWAÏI SNOWMAN**
(Preschool-Gr. 3) Before Olaf, there was this timeless story about a lonely snowman yearning for some friends. The Hawai’i Snowman teaches us what the true spirit of the holidays is by following the path of the most kindhearted, shrinking snowman as he shares his love with others in a big way.

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- Dec. 12 – “Paper Cutting: Holiday Centerpieces,” 11 a.m. at Kealakekua Public Library (ph. 323-7585): Adults can learn to create 3-dimensional paper ornaments for table centerpieces from using scissors and X-acto knives.
- Dec. 12 – “Holiday Read Aloud,” 1 p.m. at Waipahu Public Library (ph. 675-0358): UH-West Oahu Club students read “How the Grinch Stole Christmas.” Free craft-making, lucky drawings for prizes, and cookies.
- Dec. 19 – “Royal Hawaiian Band Christmas Concert,” 10:30 a.m. at Aiea Public Library (ph. 483-7333): Enjoy music for the holidays and more by the talented musicians of the legendary Royal Hawaiian Band.

Other public libraries are scheduled to host Holiday Season Programs-Events. Visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call your local library for more information.

Happy Anniversary North Kohala Library!

North Kohala Public Library (Hawaii Island) celebrated its 5th Anniversary Nov. 2 that featured a performance by award-winning slack key guitarist John Keawe and hula performed by his wife Hope Keawe and dancers from her hula halau. The Friends of North Kohala Public Library sponsored the special event attended by 300 people and honored library staff (l-r) Branch Manager Janet Lam, Leilani Silver, and Jolene Soares.
Laupahoehoe Public & School Library

By Gabrielle Casart

Laupahoehoe Public & School Library is located at 35-2065 Old Mamalahoa Highway on the campus of the Laupahoehoe Community Public Charter School (LCPCS) on the Hamakua Coast of Hawaii Island.

History: The library opened in 1973, only to close for almost a year due to earthquake damage. Richard S. Matsunaga and Associates designed the 8,000 square foot building. In 1974 the library opened with a state-of-the-art video studio, darkroom, audiovisual Production Center, and a staff of seven, including a Librarian, Library Assistants and an Audiovisual Technician.

Collection: The library currently has a collection of 27,546 items, including books, DVDs, music CDs and audiobooks for all age groups. In addition, the library has a collection of Laupahoehoe High School yearbooks, with volumes as early as 1950.

Facilities: This library is one of the few on Hawaii Island with a Meeting Room for library and public use. Library programs and community meetings are much more enjoyable when air-conditioned! Although the library is more than 40 years old, the facility is well-maintained and was recently re-roofed in 2013.

One Awesome Highlight: The Library hosts a wide array of programs for all ages that amaze, entertain and educate all facets of the community.

Youth Activities: More than 20 elementary classes from the Laupahoehoe Community Public Charter School (LCPCS) visit the library each month for stories and related craft activities. The library and the LCPCS co-sponsor a popular monthly Monday Family Movie Night on the first Monday of each month.

Friends Support: The Friends of Laupahoehoe Library offer financial support to supplement the library’s collection and provide holiday decorations. Patrons are looking forward to the next book sale.

Hours: The Library is open Monday from noon until 8p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5p.m.; Friday from 9a.m. to 4p.m., and closed Saturday, Sunday and state holidays. For more information, call 962-2229.