New Online Legal Forms Now Accessible

Did you know Hawaii’s public libraries offer a free do-it-yourself online legal forms service?

Thanks to a partnership between the Hawaii State Judiciary, Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS), and the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, “A2J” (Access to Justice) self-help forms such as “Advanced Health Care Directives”

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Mark Your Calendars

August 1, 11 a.m. - 2015 HSPLS Teen Summer Reading Program-Oahu Finale, Pearlridge Center-Uptown Center Stage. Teens from 22 Oahu libraries will vie for the Grand Prize of a Chromebook computer and other great prizes courtesy of corporate sponsor Hawaii Pizza Hut. Lina Girl will emcee event; State Librarian Stacey Aldrich will offer opening remarks; Honoka & Azita, a dynamic duo of teen ukulele sensations, will perform; and appearance by Star Wars’ Storm Troopers from Pacific Outpost of the 501st Legion who will assist in program and be available for photo ops.

August 21 – Statehood Day Holiday: all libraries will be closed.

Four libraries normally closed on Fridays-Aiea, Hawaii Kai, Liliha, and Makawao-will also be closed on Saturday, August 22 to observe the holiday. Visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call your local library for public service hours.

HSPLS Participates in National Book Festival

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) will participate in the 15th annual Library of Congress National Book Festival Sept. 5 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.

The National Book Festival is a free annual literary event that showcases the nation’s best-selling authors and attracts thousands of book fans who enjoy author
public libraries provide access to the ‘A2J’ self-help forms on 800 library computers and more than 200 netbooks statewide.”

The Hawaii Self-Help Interactive Forms are easy to understand interviews that create court forms and legal documents. The interactive interviews ask a series of questions to complete a legal form or court-approved document and also provide helpful information and next-step instructions.

For more information or to access the “A2J” forms, visit www.librarieshawaii.org and under “Services” click on “Hawaii Self-Help Interactive Forms.”

**Summer Reading**

A cast on her leg didn’t stop Alyssa Acosta from reading a good book! She was one of seven weekly winners of the 2015 HSPLS/Hawaii Pizza Hut “Get Caught Reading” Instagram Contest. Each winner received a $40 Apple iTunes gift card prize, courtesy of Hawaii Pizza Hut.

Thirty-five students from the Kilohana PALS (Play and Learn Sessions) Maui County Summer Fun Program began their summer reading at Molokai Public Library in a unique way by coloring their own masks in conjunction with this year’s theme “Every Hero Has a Story.” After signing up for the 7-week reading program, the excited keiki happily donned their masks and posed for a group photo.

Lucky drawings for the Regional Grand Prize winners of the 2015 HSPLS Statewide Children’s, Teen and Adult Summer Reading Programs were conducted at the Hawaii State Library-Edna Allyn Room for Children July 22. The Friends of the Library of Hawaii and the 2015 Summer Reading Sponsors provided funding for the Adult Summer Reading Program’s prizes of five E-Readers. Five lucky children each won a Wholesale Unlimited Snack Gift Pack provided by Wholesale Unlimited. Three lucky teens each won a Notebook provided by Hawaii Pizza Hut. Three lucky teens each won a $50 Apple iTunes Gift Card provided by Hawaii Pizza Hut. Three lucky teens each won a Razor Concepts & Sports Kendama Prize Package provided by Razor Concepts & Sports. State Librarian Stacey Aldrich (right) and Nainoa Mau, Executive Director of the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, who assisted with the drawings, each hold up a gift from the table of fabulous prizes.

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and “Divorce with Children” are available to improve access to the courts for people of all income levels, especially self-represented litigants.

“The Hawaii State Public Library System has more than 20 of the most frequently used civil legal forms available online, as well as state-of-the-art software that provides users with a step-by-step question-and-answer process to complete the forms easily and correctly,” said State Librarian Stacey Aldrich. “For people who do not own a personal computer or have Internet access, our public libraries provide access to the ‘A2J’ self-help forms and legal documents.”

“Cotton in Hawaii” Exhibit, Hawaii State Library Lobby through August 29. Features cotton grown and processed in Hawaii and includes a display of cotton bolls; ginned, carded and spun cotton; various hand spindles for making yarn; and sample textiles.

**Now Happening**
Thanhha Lai
LISTEN, SLOWLY
(Gr. 3-7) Mai, 12, looks forward to her summer vacation in Laguna Beach, Calif. but is forced by her parents to accompany her grandmother to Vietnam. Horrified to be separated from her home and worried that her best friend may steal her boyfriend while she’s gone, Mai learns about family bonds, cultural roots, and friendship.

Gordon Korman
MASTERMINDS
(Gr. 4-6) Eli Frieden lives in a small town completely free of crime and poverty. However, when his best friend is sent to help out on his grandparents’ farm, he begins to question whether things are really as idyllic as they seem.

Mike Maihack
CLEOPATRA IN SPACE #1: TARGET PRACTICE
(Gr. 3-5) A teenaged Cleopatra finds herself suddenly transported from ancient Egypt to the future - one filled with aliens, talking cats, and plenty of danger. Headstrong and with a natural talent for combat, she sets out to save the universe.

Ame Dyckman & Zachariah Ohora (Illus.)
WOLFIE THE BUNNY
(Preschool - Gr.1) When the Bunny family adopts a baby wolf, Dot is the only one who realizes this is a bad idea. A funny twist at the end will cause chuckles and reflections on what makes a family.

Doreen Cronin & Juana Medina (Illus.)
SMICK!
(Preschool-Gr. 1) An energetic dog named Smick encounters a vibrantly-colored chick in this simple yet adorable book. Illustrations that mix line drawings with photography perfectly complement the minimal text.

Q: Can library books and other materials be returned to other public libraries in Hawaii?
A: The Hawaii State Public Library System is the only statewide public library system in the nation. With 50 branches spread across six major islands, patrons can borrow and return materials to any branch. After hours, books may be returned in the library’s bookdrop. Please note: audiovisual materials (DVDs, CDs, etc.) can be damaged when heavy books fall on top of them in the bookdrop so they should be returned to a circulation desk when the library is open. For new patrons, here are our loan periods:

- Books, audio books – 21 days
- CDs, digital eBooks, eAudiobooks, and Music (only 10 items at a time) – 21 days
- Videos (VHS) and DVDs [a total of only 10 Videos (VHS) or DVDs checked out at a time] – 7 days
- “Hot Picks” Bestsellers – 7 days (cannot be renewed)

If any questions, please call your local library.

Branch Celebrations: Wahiawa Library Celebrates 75th Anniversary

Wahiawa Public Library celebrated its 75th Anniversary July 2 with about 200 people attending the milestone event which included a story time of heroic tales for children. Cutting the special birthday cake were (l-r) Brenda Ambrosio (library employee), Betsy Tsuhako (library supporter/volunteer), and Alejandria Jacinto (former library employee) while State Rep. Marcus Oshiro (far left), his wife Lauzanee Oshiro, Acting Branch Manager Matt Brown (top row), library staff and supporters watched.
Kapolei Public Library is located at 1020 Manawai Street in this rapidly-growing community of West Oahu.

History: The library was built on land provided to the state in trust by Campbell Estate and opened in August 2004.

Collection: We currently have a collection of 136,000 items, including books, Audiobooks, DVDs and music CDs. With more than 48,000 patrons registered at our branch and visitors from all over the island, we often have the highest circulation figures among Oahu library branches.

Facilities: The second floor features the James & Abigail Campbell Reading Room, and kahiliis originally located in the Campbell Estate board room and the original land grant signed by King Kamehameha III are on display.

One Awesome Highlight: Please join us for one of our most popular programs – Halloween “Fright Night” on October 31st!

Friends Support: We have an active and generous Friends of the Library-Kapolei group. They will conduct their Annual Book Sale on Saturday, August 29 in conjunction with our 11th Anniversary celebration.

Hours: Kapolei Public Library is open Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and closed on Sunday. For more information, visit www.librarieshawaii.org, call 693-7050, or see event announcements on Facebook and Twitter.

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talks, panel discussions, book signings, and other activities. HSPLS takes part in The Pavilion of the States (10 a.m.-6 p.m.), sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which salutes the literary traditions of the 50 states, District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. A brochure “Discover Great Places Through Reading” offers a list of 52 great books (fiction and non-fiction) and a map for keiki encouraging them to visit all 52 tables to receive a unique sticker or stamp. Visitors to Hawaii’s table, staffed by members of the Hawaii State Society of Washington, D.C. on behalf of HSPLS, will find handouts such as “What’s Your Name in Hawaiian?”, “Facts about Hawaii,” a kid-friendly growth chart featuring Hawaiian animals and more. In addition, this year’s Hawaii book “A is for Aloha: A Hawaii Alphabet” written by Uilani Goldsberry and illustrated by Tammy Yee will be on display.

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