A Holiday Season Message from the State Librarian

Happy Holidays to all our patrons, supporters and staff members throughout the state.

As some of you may have heard, I will be retiring at the end of the year after working for the Hawaii State Public Library System for more than thirty years, the final seven as State Librarian.

I am extremely proud of all that our staff has been able to accomplish over the past several years, in both traditional and electronic library services. We have increased public service hours, collections, programs, and services, and we have leveraged technology to transform Hawaii’s public libraries. We have enabled Wi-Fi in all our libraries; implemented 1 G fiber-optic connectivity; developed popular and growing ebook and e-magazine collections; increased access to library resources both online and in-person; created an ongoing social media presence; and increased

Library ADA Projects Update

Koloa Public & School Library (Kauai) reopened November 12 following the completion of a scheduled re-roofing and re-carpeting project. On Oahu, Pearl City Public Library will close for a scheduled re-roofing, re-flooring, and other improvements project beginning December 15. The book drop will be locked and inaccessible at 5 p.m. on December 14 for the duration of the project, and the parking lot will be closed as well. An announcement will be made when the Library is scheduled to reopen. Visit www.librarieshawaii.org for more information.
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also perform at five other Maui County libraries: December 12, 10:30 a.m. at Lanai Public & School Library (ph. 565-7920); December 17, 10 a.m. at Wailuku Public Library (ph. 243-5766); December 18, 1 p.m. at Hana Public & School Library (ph. 248-4848); December 19, 10:30 a.m. at Kihei Public Library (ph. 875-6833); and December 20, 10:30 a.m. at Kahului Public Library (ph. 873-3097). The Maui Friends of the Library is sponsoring this special program.

- December 11 – “Celebrate the Holidays with Puppet Times,” 10:30 a.m. at Aina Haina Public Library (Children’s Section; ph. 377-2456): Puppeteers Christy Lipps will present favorite children’s Holiday Season stories in a lively puppet show. The Friends of the Aina Haina Public Library is sponsoring this event. She will also perform December 16, 6:30 p.m. at Kapolei Public Library (Children’s Section; ph. 693-7050) followed by an appearance by Santa and his Elf.

- December 12 – “Holidays with Puppet Times,” 10:30 a.m. at Waipahu Public Library (ph. 689-1204); sponsored by The Friends of Ewa Beach Public Library; and at Kaneohe Public Library (ph. 233-5676) on December 18, 10:30 a.m.; sponsored by the Friends of Kaneohe Public Library.

- December 13 – “Holiday Read Aloud,” 10:30 a.m. at Waipahu Public Library (ph. 675-0358): UH-West Oahu students will perform a holiday season read aloud with free crafts, cookies, and lucky drawings for prizes. The National Education Association/West Oahu, HSTA, and Waipahu Public Library are sponsoring this event.

- December 13 – “Honolulu Handbell Ensemble Christmas Concert,” noon at Hawaii State Library (Lobby; 586-3520): The Honolulu Handbell Ensemble, directed by Anne Craig Lum, will perform Christmas music and songs and feature violinist Sheryl Shote, sopranos Donna Nanod Shaver and Mei Li Wang, and the Kapiolani Community College Synthesizer Ensemble. The Hawaii State Library is sponsoring this event which is suitable for ages 5 and older.

- December 18 – “Winter Holiday Storytime,” 3 p.m. at Waikiki-Kapahulu Public Library (ph. 733-8488): Keiki ages 6 and under are invited to experience stories, songs, finger plays, and make a simple craft to take home.

- December 20 – “Christmas Storytime,” 10 a.m. at Waialua Public Library (ph. 637-8286): Keiki of all ages are invited to hear holiday season stories, make an ornament craft, and receive special treats.

- December 20 – “Santa’s Workshop,” 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Waianae Public Library (ph. 697-7868): Enjoy holiday season stories and music; make-and-take home ornaments and Christmas cards. This event is suitable for all ages.

Other public libraries are also scheduled to host Holiday Season Programs. Please visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call your local library for more information.

Libraries’ System Maintenance Set for January 9

The Hawaii State Public Library System will conduct a brief system maintenance period after all libraries are closed on Friday, January 9, 2015, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All library services accessed through our website will be temporarily unavailable.

“We apologize to our patrons for this brief interruption of service while our library staff completes a necessary electrical power upgrade,” said State Librarian Richard Burns.

Friends’ November Booksale Collects $17,500

The Friends of the Library of Hawaii (FLH) hosted their third annual November Book Sale at Washington Middle School Cafeteria November 8-9.

The November Book Sale, presented by the Hawaii State Federal Credit Union, offered more than 20,000 new and gently-used books, and featured a special collection of nearly 6,000 Classical CDs. Proceeds from this book sale will benefit Hawaii’s 50 public libraries.

“Our most popular items at this year’s book sale were literature and the special $6.00 boxes of paperbacks,” said Nainoa Mau, FLH Executive Director. “We hope to continue our November Sale in 2015 at Washington Middle School Cafeteria if it is available.”

Book lovers can look forward to an upcoming sale in the new year - the Friends’ January Book Sale conducted over the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday weekend from January 17-19, 2015. The book sale location will be announced at a later date.

The Friends of the Library of Hawaii is currently in the process of moving to a new location due to redevelopment in Kakaako. As a result, the Friends are unable to accept donations through December 31. In the meantime, donors can take donations to their local public library.

Starting January 1, 2015, donations may be dropped off at the Friends’ Harbor Office location at 200 Keawe St. Visit this link for directions: http://www.friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org/index.php/contact-us/directionstotheharbor. For more information or to contact the Friends, visit www.friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org or click on the “Contact Us” button.
‘Tis the season to be jolly Fa la, la, la, la, la, la, la. Gather ‘round and check out these wonderful holiday reads.

Jan Brett
THE ANIMALS’ SANTA
(Preschool-Kindergarten)
Little Snow goes on a search to find out who is the true animal’s Santa, while the other animals provide details of their past gifts and guesses of who could deliver such a bounty.

Steve Smallman
SANTA IS COMING TO HAWAII
(Preschool-Gr. 2; eBook)
Santa and his carrot-loving reindeer make the trek to the Hawaiian Islands to deliver toys to every single house in this beautifully illustrated picture book.

Andrea Posner-Sanchez
DISNEY FROZEN: THE CHRISTMAS PARTY
(Preschool-Kindergarten)
This Step Into Reading early reader is the perfect holiday book for all the children who are still singing songs from the blockbuster children’s movie “Frozen.”

Roseanne Greenfield Thong
‘TWAS NOCHEBUENA: A CHRISTMAS STORY IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH
(Preschool-Gr. 2) Here is a Spanish remix of the traditional holiday poem ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas. This rhyming story sprinkles Spanish words throughout as it depicts a typical Latino household preparing for the holidays. Mixed-media paintings will keep the reader’s attention.

Trudi Strain Trueit
CHRISTMAS (Kindergarten -Gr. 3) A great all-around book that includes everything holiday such as recipes, poems, songs, history, activities and fun facts. The book is divided into eight chapters and provides an excellent non-fiction overview for young children.

Charles Dickens
JIM DALE PERFORMS A CHRISTMAS CAROL, AN UNABRIDGED PRODUCTION
(Gr. 3-6; audiobook) Winner of an Audie Award—Classics Category: Selected Audiobooks for Young Adults (American Library Association); and an AudioFile Ear-phones Award. This digital recording is recommended for all upper elementary school children.

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online learning opportunities including courses in 23 foreign languages, digital literacy, advanced technology training, workforce development and personal learning and growth opportunities.

It has been an honor, a privilege and a pleasure to serve as Hawaii’s State Librarian for the past seven years, and I thank the Board of Education for the opportunity and for their support. Ultimately it is our staff members who do the work of the Library System, and I thank them for their hard work, dedication and support over the years. Happy Holidays to all, and Aloha.

Richard Burns
State Librarian

LBPH News

The Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped (LBPH) honored more than 50 volunteers at its 2014 Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at the Waialae Country Club November 11. Special guests were recognized including (l-r) Pam Davenport, National Library Service for the Blind & Physically Handicapped Consultant, who presented State Librarian Richard Burns with a plaque from the Library of Congress acknowledging his steadfast leadership and support of increasing access to information and technology resources for residents of Hawaii and the U.S. Pacific territories; and for his vision and unflagging advocacy on behalf of the Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped of Hawaii.

Lei Nihei, Outreach Volunteer Coordinator for the Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped’s Transcribing Services Section (center) and Deanna Espinas, chairperson of Hui o Na Makamaka (Friends of LBPH), appeared on KITV4’s Morning Show November 18 with co-anchor Ann Sterling to promote the Library’s programs and services and to call for adult volunteer readers for LBPH’s popular recording and Radio Reading Service programs.
Spotlight on:
Keaau Public & School Library

By Maxine Aki

Keaau Public & School Library, located at 16-571 Keaau-Pahoa Road on the Keaau Middle School campus on the Big Island, serves the growing Keaau and upper Puna communities, as well as several schools in the vicinity.

Our Library offers netbooks for loan and temporary free 24/7 Wi-Fi available via the HSPLS-Lava network as a community service to embattled Puna residents coping with the uncertainties of the approaching June 27th lava flow after having dealt with the chaos following Hurricane Iselle’s devastation of the area.

With the splitting of the Pahoa public schools and the closing of Keonepoko Elementary, middle school students living in the north Pahoa quadrant of the Puna area are now attending Keaau Middle School, increasing the school’s enrollment as well as student use of public library services.

Keaau Public & School Library has a circulating collection of about 36,000 materials, including books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, and Hawaiian language immersion materials. We have small collections of Hawaiian quilt patterns which patrons may trace, children’s books written in the Hawaiian language, and historical photos of the Olaa Sugar Plantation days. Our Library hosts weekly “Knit Nights” on Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. where interested people share and learn needle craft skills. In December, we plan to offer craft programs: ornament making and Winter craft-making programs; contact our Library for details.

Our Library continues as a designated Passport Application Acceptance Facility. Passport applications are accepted by appointment only, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Designed by Matsunaga, Sako, and Associates/Architects, Inc., our Library was opened on September 30, 1974. Our Library celebrated its 40th Anniversary on November 25 with a special performance by the Puna Taiko Group, which was enjoyed by 60 people.

Keaau Public & School Library is open on Monday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and closed on Saturday and Sunday. For more information about the Library’s services and programs, please call 982-4281.

Paintings and Monument Moved to New Aiea Library

Three items from the old Aiea Public Library have been transferred to a new home at the new Aiea Public Library. The first two items - seascape paintings by the late Maui artist Tadashi Sato – were purchased by the State for display in the original Library. Both untitled paintings are oil on canvas and abstract expressionist works dated 1964 and signed by the artist.

The blue seascape painting measures 3.5 x 12 feet and is located in the Program Room. The green seascape measures 4 x 15 feet and is located in the wall space above the front entrance.

Sato, heralded as “one of Hawaii’s master artists,” is best known for his “Aquarius,” a 36-foot circular mosaic on the floor of the Hawaii State Capitol’s atrium.

The third item is the World War II stone memorial for 14 American soldiers of Japanese ancestry (AJA) from the village of Aiea, Territory of Hawaii, who died in combat. The Aiea Community Association constructed the monument and plaque in 1945 to honor these soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice: Kiyozo Enomoto, Masaki Fujikawa, Sadami Fujita, Edward Fuyumuro, Hatsuji Hadano, Wilson Higa, Kunito Kinoshita, Sadaichi Kohara, Harushi Kondo, Toshio Kuroda, Richard McCarthy, Masayoshi Miyagi, Gordon Shimizu, and Takeo Yamamoto.