Kanno Appointed Interim State Librarian

Stacie Kanno, HSPLS Public Libraries Branch Director, is currently serving as Interim State Librarian until the Board of Education selects and announces a new State Librarian. Kanno was appointed by former State Librarian Richard Burns prior to his retirement in December 2014.

Kanno has served as Public Libraries Branch Director since 2011, Branch Manager of Kapolei and Hawaii Kai Public Libraries, and in various other capacities with the Hawaii State Public Library System. In 2008, Kanno was selected as the Public Librarian of the Year by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii.

IMLS Awards Hawaii’s Public Libraries $1.2 Million Grant

The Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has awarded a grant of $1.2 million to the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) for FY 2015. The IMLS distributes these funds each year through state library agencies nationwide, as part of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Each state is required to provide matching funds and meet maintenance of effort requirements.

HSPLS uses this grant money to fund IT infrastructure, network and other technology costs, annual subscriptions to online databases, e-Learning programs, our HSPLS Mobile Netbook Loan Program, the library’s mobile app “Hawaii Mobile”; and various digital collections.

“The Hawaii State Public Library System would like to thank the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for its $1.2 million grant. This funding will support our efforts to provide access to digital resources and technology for all K-12 students in the state.”

The ‘Ūkēkē

Musical Bow for Lovers to Communicate

Before the development of the ukulele in the late 1870s by Portuguese immigrants, Hawaiians made and played the ‘ūkēkē, a musical bow that became the only indigenous stringed instrument of Hawaii.

The Hawaii State Library will host a free program ‘Ūkēkē: Mea Ho‘oipoipo: Hawai‘i’s Indigenous Stringed Instrument of Love on Saturday, February 7 at 11:30 a.m. in the First Floor Reading Room.

Local artisan Mahi La Pierre will conduct a presentation on the ‘ūkēkē, a little-known Hawaiian musical instrument used primarily for serenading and sharing coded messages between lovers. Learn about the history of the ‘ūkēkē (mouth bow), how it is made, and how it is played. La Pierre will perform a traditional song on the ‘ūkēkē. This one-hour program is suitable for all ages.

For more information, or if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed, please call the Library’s Art, Music and Recreation Section at 586-3520.
**Tax Forms Available at Libraries**

Do you need tax forms? Public libraries statewide will serve as distribution outlets for Hawaii State tax forms, courtesy of a continuing partnership between the Hawaii State Public Library System and the State Department of Taxation.

Library staff will supply the forms, but are not trained to assist with tax questions. For assistance, call the Department of Taxation’s Tax Information Line: 587-4242 on Oahu; from Neighbor Islands, call toll-free at 1-800-222-3229. For the hearing impaired: call 587-1418 on Oahu; from Neighbor Islands, call toll-free at 1-800-887-8974. Telephone lines will be open Monday-Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., except on State holidays. Visit www.state.hi.us/tax for more information.

Do you need state tax forms from other states? Visit www.librarieshawaii.org, select “Services” from the left column, scroll down and click on “Tax Forms” in the Legal Forms database, under “Need state tax forms from other states?” at top right menu bar click on “Tax Forms” and then select the appropriate state.

Need Federal tax forms? Many public libraries will serve as distribution outlets for Federal tax forms. Contact your local library to find out if they will be distributing Federal tax forms or for an alternate library nearest you. In addition, you can obtain Federal tax forms and more information via the same LegalForms database by clicking on “Internal Revenue Service” under “Free Tax Forms.”

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**Big Island Senator Receives Friends’ Mahalo Award**

State Senator Russell Ruderman (D-2nd; center) is the recipient of the Friends of the Library of Hawaii’s (FLH) 2014 Mahalo Award, presented to the State legislator who has demonstrated his or her support of Hawaii’s public libraries during the past legislative session. Senator Ruderman has worked closely with the HSPLS staff in reviewing a possible future regional library for the Puna district on the island of Hawaii. In addition, Senator Ruderman and his staff worked with HSPLS staff to expand services at libraries along the Puna coast to provide area residents with free 24/7 Wi-Fi service accessible without a library card while recovering from Hurricane Iselle. FLH Executive Director Nainoa Mau (left) and FLH President Marlene Booth presented the plaque to Senator Ruderman on January 14 at the Friends’ Legislative Breakfast at Washington Place. Governor David Ige was the featured speaker at the event.

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**Your Tax Donation Supports Libraries**

Hawaii taxpayers are invited to make donations to benefit the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) just by checking a box located on their state tax returns. Taxpayers can designate $2.00 from an individual income tax return or $4.00 from a joint return, for the Hawaii Public Libraries Fund. A total of $65,234 was donated to Hawaii’s public libraries during the first half of 2014, which enabled HSPLS to purchase books and other materials for patrons of all ages statewide.

“All Hawaii taxpayers are encouraged to take advantage of this easy and effortless opportunity to help your public libraries,” said Interim State Librarian Stacie Kanno. “Thank you to everyone who donated last year and we welcome your continuing support of Hawaii’s public libraries this tax season.”

Since January 2005, Hawaii taxpayers have donated $775,038 to the HSPLS Special Fund. Mahalo nui loa for your continuing support!

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**Kini’s Edgy Fashion Designs Dazzle Viewers**

Project Runway Season 13 Hawaii Finalist and Fashion Designer Kini Zamora (left) and Kapolei Public Library Branch Manager Elizabeth “Zoe” Stewart-Marshall (center) appeared on the KITV 4 Morning Show January 26 with co-anchor Lara Yamada (right) along with a pair of Zamora’s new “edgy” dress designs to publicize Zamora’s January 31 presentation at the Kapolei Public Library.
Recommended Children’s Books

By Hawaii State Library Children’s Librarians

Keith Richards
GUS AND ME: THE STORY OF MY GRANDDAD AND MY FIRST GUITAR
(Kindergarten-Gr. 2) The Rolling Stones’ Keith Richards shares the personal story of how he was introduced to the joy of music through his grandfather, Theodore Augustus Dupree. Illustrated by his daughter Theodora Dupree Richards and named in honor of her great-grandfather.

Todd Yamashita
UNCLE’S MAGIC THROWNET
(Kindergarten-Gr. 2) A young boy discovers that there is more than meets the eye to his uncle’s old thrownet that seems to magically catch everything in the sea.

Salina Yoon
FOUND
(Preschool-Gr. 1) Bear comes across an adorable toy bunny and tries to find the owner who lost it, much as he would love to keep it.

Divya Srinivasan
LITTLE OWL’S DAY
(Preschool-Kindergarten) This is a follow up story to Little Owl’s Night. Little Owl discovers life in the forest at daytime, after being roused by a noisy squirrel.

Dan Gutman
OH VALENTINE, WE’VE LOST OUR MINDS!
(Gr. 2-5) Here is a Valentine’s Day-themed installment from the popular My Weird School Series. What happens when French exchange student Pierre challenges A.J. to a duel (or at least a thumb war) over Andrea?

Rebecca L. Johnson
WHEN LUNCH FIGHTS BACK: WICKEDLY CLEVER ANIMAL DEFENSES
(Gr.3-6) The author of Zombie Makers introduces 10 animals and their bizarre defense mechanisms. Stimulating design that ties in science to the stories, this book will be a thrilling read for young science fans.

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for Museum and Library Services for continuing to provide us with LSTA funding, the main source of federal funding for America’s libraries,” said Interim State Librarian Stacie Kanno. “HSPLS would not be able to provide our increasing amount of programs, public access technology and resources without these valuable funds.”

Discover all our collections, as well as information on HSPLS programs and services at www.librarieshawaii.org. A valid HSPLS library card is required to access these and other resources.

Elderly Offered Tax Help at Libraries

he American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) will provide free tax assistance for taxpayers with low to moderate income, especially for those ages 60 and older, from February 1 through April 15, 2015 at selected public libraries. Trained AARP volunteers will be available to prepare and file Calendar Year (CY) 2014 Federal and State Income Tax Returns. Free electronic filing (e-filing) will be available.

What to bring: a valid picture ID; Social Security card (required for spouse and dependents as well); copies of 2013 Federal and State Tax Returns; and all documents reporting income earned or received and any deductions and/or credits during 2014.

Walk-ins are accepted at all locations except for Princeville Public Library. Selected public libraries include:

- Aina Haina – Fridays, Saturdays: 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; Closed Sat., Feb. 14 and Apr. 4
- Ewa Beach – Thursdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Closed Mar. 26
- Hanapepe (Kauai) – Tuesdays (Feb. 17 & Mar. 3): 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; Thursdays (Feb. 26; Mar. 12 & 19; Apr. 2): 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Hawaii Kai – Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon; Closed Feb. 14 and Apr. 4
- Kahuku – Thursdays: 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Closed Thurs., Mar. 26
- Liliha – Tuesdays, Thursdays: 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; Closed Thurs., Mar. 26
- Princeville (Kauai) – Wednesdays: 2 p.m.-5 p.m.; by appointment only-call Marjorie at 826-0122
- Wahiawa – Tuesdays, Thursdays: noon-4 p.m.; Closed Thurs., Mar. 26
- Waianae – Tuesdays, Thursdays: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Closed Thurs., Mar. 26
Spotlight on:

Waialua Public Library

By Tim Littlejohn

Waialua Public Library, located at 67-068 Kealohanui Street on the North Shore of Oahu, is the smallest public library on the island yet serves a geographical area nearly half the size of rural Oahu. Our current library was designed and built by Isamu Abe Construction and opened on February 7, 1952. In 2013, the Waialua Public Library celebrated its 85th Anniversary in grand-style.

The American Library Association honored Waialua Public Library in 1997 as the “Best Small Rural Library in the United States.” That same year, the Friends of the Library U.S.A. selected the Friends of Waialua Library as the “Best Small Library Friends Group in the United States.”

Our library serves students and faculty of three elementary schools, one intermediate and high school, two private schools, five pre-schools and a large number of home-based schools. The library’s collection numbers approximately 44,000 items. Despite the library’s size, the Friends of Waialua Library has nearly 500 registered members, making it one of the largest affiliate Friends group in the state.

In addition to regular HSPLS services, the library offers netbooks for loan with Internet connectivity, weekly Children’s Storytime & Craft Activity, Toddler Time, Basic Computer Instruction (of HSPLS services); monthly Book Sale, Crafters Group, Readers Group, Sketchers Group, Writer’s Group; quarterly Adult, Young Adult and Children’s Art Shows; and an annual Storytelling Contest in partnership with the Waialua Lions featuring children from area schools reciting from memory favorite stories while vying for gold, silver and bronze medals.

Waialua Public Library is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is closed on Sundays and Mondays. For more information about the Library’s services and programs, please call 637-8286.

Did you know “The Smartest Card” in your wallet is your Hawaii State Public Library System library card? A library card is a great resource to help you achieve academic success, and the library is the perfect place to spend quality family time together.

You may apply for a library card at any of our 50 branch libraries. The initial card is free for Hawaii residents, military personnel and their dependents.

Adult applicants must present a current ID and proof of current mailing address. Minors (below 18 years old) must have their applications co-signed by a parent or guardian. The parent or guardian must present a current ID and proof of mailing address.

A Library card application is available online through our website: www.librarieshawaii.org; click on “How To” and then “get a library card ….” Applications may also be obtained at any public library.

Visit your local library with your children and teens today and sign up for a library card: “The Smartest Card – Get it. Use it. @ your Library!”