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A New Digital Collection for HSPLS



By Sally Walstrum, Librarian, Hawai'i State Library, Art, Music, Recreation Section

Michael Buble IT'S TIME

Young Canadian crooner Michael Buble delivers an album of love songs, including his #1 hit "Home."



O-shen RISING SON

As the first Papua New Guinea artist to rap in the local language, O-shen had a big impact on the local music scene. This newest release showcases his versatility with his music.



Donny Osmond WHAT I MEANT TO SAY

Donny Osmond has taken to middle age in style, trading in his bubblegum hits for a mature, Broadway-seasoned croon and original songwriting that expresses the travails - and treasures - of life.



(See *New Compact Discs*, back page)



The Hawai'i State Public Library System (HSPLS) announces its latest online service which offers local customers 24/7 access to an online collection of downloadable **audio books** and **eBooks** using their home Internet connections.

This online service provides the state's diverse population with new popular reading and listening options. Customers can choose from hundreds of digital books including self-help, legal resources, mysteries and thrillers, cookbooks, travel guides, business, computer books, and many other popular subjects. Technology for the new service is provided through OverDrive, the national leader in downloadable media for libraries.

To check out a digital book, visit the online library at <http://hawaii.lib.overdrive.com>, install the free reader software, make a selection, enter your HSPLS library card number, and then

download the title. When the lending period is over, the digital books are automatically returned, so there are no late fees. If all of the copies are checked out, customers can place a "hold" and receive an email notification when the title is available. A valid Hawaii State Public Library System card is required to borrow and download eBooks and digital audio books from the website. Guides to the eBook and digital audio book services are available at www.librarieshawaii.org/services/ebooks.htm.

State Librarian Jo Ann Schindler points out the advantages of this new digital collection: "For the customer, this means no traffic and parking hassles, 24/7 access on all islands, automatic returns, no overdues and no fines, email notification, no delivery delays, and increased privacy. For the staff, benefits include no physical space requirements, no re-shelving, no processing, no lost or damaged items, no shipping costs, timely order fulfillment, and immediate borrowing statistics. These are major improvements for our library system, which has limited staffing, but which is nevertheless trying to meet the needs of library users who have wide-ranging reading interests and active lifestyles. As the technology matures and the publishers' digital offerings increase, we expect even greater service improvements for our customers," Schindler said.

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Jo Ann Schindler, State Librarian

During the month of July, early adopters checked out a total of 497 eBooks and digital audio books. Top circulated titles included: "The Historian" by Elizabeth Kostova (eBook), "The Low-Carb Comfort Food Cookbook" by Mary Dan Eades (eBook), "Boy Meets Girl" by Meg Cabot (eBook), "State of Fear" by Michael Crichton (eBook), and "The Starter Wife" by Gigi Levangie Grazer (audio).

The top 10 waiting list subjects are: self-improvement, business, computer technology, cooking & food, juvenile fiction, biography & autobiography, fiction, reference, religion & spirituality, and suspense.

The top 5 waiting list titles are: "Blink" by Malcolm Gladwell (eBook), "365 Easy One-Dish Meals" by Natalie Haughton (eBook), "Automatic Wealth" by Michael Masterson (eBook), "How to Be a People Magnet" by Leil Lowndes (audio), and "How to Talk to Anyone" by Leil Lowndes (audio).

Mark Your Calendars

Aug. 19 – Statehood Day Holiday: all libraries will be closed. Check with your local library for re-opening dates or the HSPLS website at www.librarieshawaii.org.

Sept. 3-5 – Labor Day Holiday: all libraries will be closed. Check with your local library for holiday hours or the HSPLS website at www.librarieshawaii.org.

Sept. 16 – 12th Annual Marriott Links to Literacy, Ko Olina Golf Club, 11:30 a.m., a benefit for Friends of the Library of Hawai'i. Call 536-4174.



Testing and Education Reference Center

By Lizhen Zhao, Librarian, Hawai'i State Library, Social Science & Philosophy

Are you preparing for college entrance tests, planning for graduate studies or starting a new career? If so, check out the **Testing and Education Reference Center (TERC)**, a comprehensive database that encompasses college searches, test preparation, financial aid information, as well as specialty and career program searches. The following highlights some special features of TERC:

Comprehensive School/Program Information – TERC contains in-depth information on 4,000 two-year and four-year colleges, 30,000 accredited graduate programs in more than 450 fields of study, 4,000 trade and technical schools, and over 1,500 private secondary schools. If you prefer non-traditional, non-classroom-based learning, you can find a Distance Learning program for College, Graduate, or Specialty & Career levels.

Broad Selection of Search Criteria – Looking for the right school for you? It's easy to find that perfect match using a variety of search criteria. For example, if you want to go to a school in a particular location which is small, inexpensive, with low student/faculty ratio, and in a rural setting, search by Location, Size, Tuition, Student/Faculty Ratio, and Setting. Other search criteria include: Average GPA of Incoming Freshmen, Sports, Religious Denomination, etc.

Personalized Toolbox – Completing a free registration form under the Personalized Toolbox menu on the TERC main page enables you to save what you are currently working on, so that you can come back to it later. The registration also allows you to:

- Calculate your EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) and find scholarship information that matches your needs
- Receive information from schools that match your personal preference

• Access practice tests and test guides
Online Practice Tests and Study Guides – Access test guides and full-length practice tests in the Test Preparation Section, including SSAT, SAT, ACT, GRE, AP and CLEP exams plus many certification and professional license exams such as the ASVAB, Postal Exam, and Civil Service Exams. New tests are being added and guides updated periodically, so keep checking this section.

To access TERC, visit the Hawai'i State Public Library System home page at www.librarieshawaii.org. Select *Other Databases* from the navigation column and then click on *Testing and Education Reference Center*.

(Next month: Vocational & Career Collection)

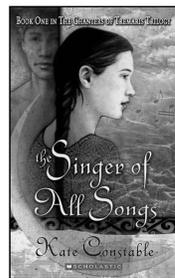
New Teen Titles

By Diane Masaki, Young Adult Librarian
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Anthony Horowitz
RAVEN'S GATE
 (Gr. 9-12) Matt is being punished for a crime he saw, but didn't commit. Everyone who tries to help Matt ends up dead.



Kate Constable
SINGER OF ALL SONGS
 (Gr. 7-12) Calwyn has lived all her life behind the high ice-wall that guards the sisters of Antaris from the world of Tremaris, where magic is worked by singing.



Quentin Dodd
PRINCESS OF NEPTUNE
 (Gr. 7-12) Theora and her brother Verb are kidnapped to Burger Buckaroo, where a giant cockroach from the moon gets Theora



to enter an intergalactic beauty pageant being held on Neptune. There, Theora has to hunt down the Beast of the Mall and stop a plot to rule the universe's pop charts.

Other Titles:
O.R. Melling
HUNTER'S MOON
 (Gr. 9-12)

Ben Jeapes
NEW WORLD ORDER
 (Gr. 9-12)

(New Compact Discs, from front page)

Richard Permuter
BEETHOVEN'S WIG 2: MORE SING ALONG SYMPHONIES
 This Grammy nominee for Best Children's Album gathers important classical works by Verdi, Grieg, Brahms, Paganini and many others, and makes up silly catchy lyrics to inform the listener about the piece.



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