RDS Business Reference Suite

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RDS Business Reference Suite is an exciting business reference collection by Thomson Gale. There are three business databases from Responsive Database Services (RDS): Business & Industry (B&I), Business & Management Practices (BaMP), and TableBase. You may search one or two or all three databases simultaneously. The suite features more than 1,400 leading worldwide business sources plus thousands of tables with statistical data. Sources include journals, trade publications, general business press and newspapers, newsletters and international business dailies. Suite coverage is over 60% full text and over 45% international coverage.

Business & Industry (B&I) is a multi-industry database with a strong focus on company, product and industry information. It is updated daily. Business & Management Practices (BaMP) emphasizes the practical side of business and management. It is a good source for methods, techniques and practices. Topics can include benchmarking, promotion, best practices and much more. It is updated weekly.

TableBase provides thousands of tables of data for market research. It covers thousands of tables with electronic products, and concept terms such as market demographics.

Mahalo Hawai‘i for Your Support

The Hawai‘i State Public Library System would like to say mahalo rui loa to the thousands of Hawai‘i taxpayers who donated a portion of their 2004 Individual Income Tax Return Form. You may check-off box on your 2005 State Individual Income Tax Return Form.

Goals:
- The Board of Education, through effective Board leadership, will:
  1. Develop policies and strategies to acquire additional resources to expand facilities and materials.
  2. Actively provide support services and collections to meet the public’s informational, cultural, educational, and social needs.
- Proactively build confidence in the public libraries, establish communication with stakeholders, and build strong partnerships with the community.
- Ensure that the public library system recruits and retains highly qualified personnel.
- Adopt policies and advocate for sufficient financial and human resources to ensure that all public libraries are safe and secure learning and working environments.
- Strengthen the information technology infrastructure to provide convenient online resources and services and streamline library-intensive operations.
- Develop demonstration programs and pilot projects to meet diverse and ever-expanding needs and improve services and collections.

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BOE Approves New HSPLS Organization Statement

The Board of Education voted to approve its “Mission, Vision, and Goals Statement for Hawai‘i’s Public Libraries,” at the Nov. 17, 2005 General Business Meeting. Mission:

The mission of the Hawai‘i State Board of Education is to promote excellence and equity in public library services so that all individuals can meet their reading, information, and life-long learning needs.

Vision:

Hawai‘i’s public libraries are safe, inviting, resource-rich learning environments engaging the minds and enhancing the lives of all community members.

Seasons Greetings

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year! Visit your local library for holiday books, music, and movies or just to take a refreshing break from the mall craziness. Encourage a friend or family member to apply for a library card and ignite a love of reading and life-long learning.

What a gift!

Aloha,
Jo Ann Schindler, State Librarian

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Hawai‘i’s State Public Library System

December 2005

Celebrate this Holiday Season @ your library

It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas . . . @ your local library! Public libraries statewide are scheduled to offer a variety of entertaining programs for this Holiday Season. Here is a sampling of the programs; admission is free:

- Travelling Storytellers, Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m., Kailua Public Library (ages 3 – up); experience the “Songs of Christmas,” a holiday tradition.
- Pockets the Clown, Dec. 11, 1 p.m., Pearl City Public Library (all ages); features a magic show w/live bunny; balloon sculptures.
- Puppet Times with Christy Lippes, Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m., Mililani Public Library (ages 3 – up); this puppeteer will take you on an enchanting journey, bringing to life many Christmas stories, finger plays and songs; sponsored by Friends of Mililani Public Library.
- Bungle the Clown, Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m., Waipahu Public Library (ages 3 – up); features a magic show w/live bunny; balloon sculptures; sponsored by Friends of Waipahu Public Library.
- Special Appearance by Santa Claus, Dec. 19, 2 p.m., ‘Ewa Beach Public & School Library (all ages). Santa will read aloud stories and pose for photos with children (parents/caregivers may bring their cameras). All young children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver; sponsored by Friends of ‘Ewa Beach Library.
- Jolly ‘Jammie Christmas Party, Dec. 19, 5:30 p.m., Hawai‘i Kai Public Library (ages 3 – up). Children are invited to come dressed in their pajamas; program includes “magical twists” by Balloon Monsoon, a storytelling featurs Christian Van Allsburg’s “The Polar Express,” a holiday craft, goodie bags for the first 50 people, door prizes, and light refreshments; sponsored by Friends of Hawai‘i’s Kai Library.
- Special Christmas Storytime, Dec. 21, 10:30 a.m., ‘Aina Public Library (ages 3 – up); staff librarians will read aloud favorite Christmas stories; light refreshments.
- Mystery Christmas Movie, Dec. 22, 5:30 p.m., Wai‘alae Public Library (all ages); 12/24/05 to find the name of the movie. Call the hosting library 7 – 10 days in advance if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed for any of these programs. Programs are subject to change. For a complete listing of our Holiday Season programs, visit the HSPLS website: www.librarieshawaii.org.

Mark Your Calendars

Dec. 24–25 – Christmas Day holiday, all libraries closed. Most libraries will also be closed on Dec. 26. Call your local library for holiday hours or visit: www.librarieshawaii.org

Dec. 31-Jan. 1, ‘06 – New Year’s Day holiday, all libraries closed. Most libraries will also be closed on Jan. 2, 2006. Call your local library for holiday hours or visit: www.librarieshawaii.org
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