Databases of the Month:

**AncestryPlus & HeritageQuest**

By Carol Smith, Library Manager, Kahului Public & School Library

Are you trying to fill some branches on your family tree? Want to learn more about those relatives that your grand-mother never wants to talk about?

Well, this is your lucky day. The Hawai‘i State Public Library System has two databases that will answer exactly those questions. **AncestryPlus** and **HeritageQuest** are genealogical databases that will help in your family history searches. Used together, these two resources will help expand even the most mysterious family tree.

AncestryPlus, a library equivalent of the popular subscription website Ancestry.com, is a good place to begin your genealogical search. It covers census; birth, marriage, and death; immigration; and naturalization; military service and pension records; and much more.

The census database contains images and indexes for all years of the decennial United States Federal Census from 1790-1930. Most years have an every-name index, some years are searchable only by the head of household. Indexes for birth, marriage, and death records help to place your ancestors in specific locations at defined time points in time. Military service records can tell you how and where your ancestor fought in American wars, as well as any awards or medals they received. Immigration records give information on the country of origin of your family, which will help in tracing your family tree beyond American soil.

HeritageQuest also has a useful family and local history book search. Using person names and place keywords, you can search through local history publications to find more information on the places your ancestors lived. Using the Publications search, you can browse through family histories that have been privately printed. Many of these resources are only available in print at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.; now they are available online through HeritageQuest.

AncestryPlus is available on the public access computers in any library branch. HeritageQuest can be accessed in the libraries or from home using your Hawai‘i library card number. Both databases update their information frequently, so you can always find new and additional information to beef up your exciting stories.

Thrift your family at your next luau by telling all the stories they never wanted to know.

- **Transaction & Biography:** lists characters by name, gender, occupation, and attributes; the general topics, setting of the story; time period; and series.
- **First Chapter Excerpts:** selections to pique the reader’s interest.
- **Library Journal Review**
- **Publisher Weekly Review**
- **School Library Journal Review**
- **Summary:** an annotation of the story. Designed by Syndetics Solutions, these added features enhance the searching capability and library experience for both customers and staff.

One satisfied customer wrote, "Just wanted to say that this system just gets better and better! Showing the book covers is great. Now I don’t have to keep going to Amazon.com to see what the book cover looks like." So the next time you log on to www.library.hawaii.gov, be sure to check out our catalog’s “Enriched Content” features. You’ll be glad you did!

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**HSPLS Online Catalog Adds Enhanced Features**

By Paul H. Mark

There’s something new on our Catalog! Did you know that if you search the HSPLS online catalog for a book title, you could now see what the book cover looks like? It’s an eye-opening experience.

The Hawai‘i State Public Library System’s online catalog now has “Enriched Content” features. As you search for a book title from the catalog, look at the left-hand side of the computer screen. There you will find an “Item Information” menu with added features such as:

- **Cover Image**
- **Book Synopsis**
- **Table of Contents**
- **Author’s Notes**
- **Related Books**
- **Reviews**
- **Summary**

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**HSPLS Awarded $1.1 Million Federal LSTA Grant**

By Paul H. Mark

The Hawai‘i State Public Library System is the recipient of a $1.1 million federal grant for fiscal year 2005 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

IMLS, located in Washington, D.C., distributes these funds annually through state libraries across the United States, as part of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

“Without this Federal funding, HSPLS would not be able to function,” said State Librarian Jo Ann Schindler. “We have been using LSTA funds to maintain and expand our automation system, pay for Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) cataloging and interlibrary loan services, and acquire online databases and other resources.”

“We are very grateful to the Institute of Museum and Library Services and to our Congressional delegation, who have been long-standing and effective advocates for public library services,” Schindler said.

How do LSTA funds assist and benefit the Hawai‘i State Public Library System and its library customers? In Federal Fiscal Year 2003, LSTA funds paid for:

- subscriptions to over 40 databases and other online resources;
- annual maintenance cost for the Horizon automation system; and
- purchase of 34 computers with upgraded specifications to enhance Horizon software performance;
- purchase of 30 HP replacement printers;
- annual cost of the enriched content for the Public Access Catalog;
- renewal of 1,200 anti-virus corporate licenses for client station installation;
- purchase of 50 additional Office XP Pro MS supplemental licenses; and
- annual license for a CIPA (Child Internet Protection Act) filter;

OCLC “Copyright in the Digital Age” training workshop for participants from public, academic, school, and special libraries; archives; museums; and State government agencies.

These benefits facilitated:

- 1.4 million HSPLS web page “hits” for the 11-month period of February - December 2004
- Public Access Catalog use (July 2003-June 2004): 603,038 log-ins; 2.54 million keyword searches, and 516,119 requests placed.

The goal of IMLS is to assist the states in reaching the underserved people in their communities, using current electronic technology.

Online database information services are available 24/7 via the HSPLS website: www.library.hawaii.gov. Click on “Other Databases” to see a list of over 40 helpful and interesting databases that the Hawai‘i State Public Library System offers as a free service to its library customers. For some databases, you will need your Hawai‘i library card number to gain access.

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**Mark Your Calendars**

Mar. 22 – Foodland “Shop for Better Education” ends.
Shop at Foodland or Sack N Save and designate your Maika‘i points to help your favorite public library earn computers and more.

Mar. 25 – Good Friday Holiday, all libraries closed.
Visit www.library.hawaii.org or call your local library for their reopening date.

Mar. 27 – Easter Sunday, all libraries closed.

Apr. 10-16 – Celebrate National Library Week 2005. Harcourt Assessment Inc. will sponsor programs in libraries statewide. Theme: Something for Everyone @ Your Library. For information see April issue of the Holo I Mua, visit www.library.hawaii.org or call your local library.

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Robert Lopez

**AVENUE Q**
This outrageous hit won the Tony Award for best musical. Disguised as a wry, adult send-up of Sesame Street—complete with furry, singing puppets—*AVENUE Q* brings clear-eyed humor and warmth to the denizens who live there.

**Twelve Girls Band**

**EASTERN ENERGY**
Already a sensation in their native China, 12 young instrumentalists present exotic renditions of pop classics, Japanese film songs, and jazz standards.

**Various Artists**

**FIFTY GREATEST HAWAIIAN ALBUMS OF ALL TIME**
Honolulu Magazine named the 50 greatest Hawaiian albums of all time. This is a compilation of some of the songs from those albums. Artists include: Olomana, Brothers Cazimero, Nā Leo, Amy Hāna’īlani Gilliom, Willie K, Kap Kepingle, Emma Veary, Palani Vaughan, Nani Hanalei and more.

**Help Public Libraries This Tax Season**

✓ **Support Public Libraries:** You can help support your public libraries by contributing to the Hawai‘i State Public Library System Special Fund. Taxpayers may designate $2 of their refund ($4 for a joint return) for the Hawai‘i State Public Library System. Put a check mark in the check-off box on your State individual income tax return form. Your tax donation will benefit communities statewide through the purchase of library materials for all ages.

✓ **State Tax Forms:** You can pick up State tax forms at your local public library, courtesy of a continuing partnership between the Hawai‘i State Public Library System and the State Dept. of Taxation. Library staff will supply forms, but will not answer tax questions. Check with library staff for a list of agencies that offer help in filing tax returns.

✓ **State Tax Questions:** Call Dept. of Taxation: on Oahu, 587-4242; from Neighbor Islands, 1-800-222-3229 (toll-free); for hearing impaired: on Oahu, 587-1418; from Neighbor Islands, 1-800-887-8974 (toll-free). For more information, visit: www.state.hi.gov/tax.

✓ **Federal Tax Forms:** See library staff for reference binder of Federal tax forms to photocopy, or visit: www.irs.ustreas.gov/formspubs/index.html to print or download forms. This IRS website includes Federal tax information, as well.

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**Recommended Children’s Books**

By Diane Todd, Mililani Public Library & Melissa de Leon, Hawai‘i State Library

**Helen Lester**

**HURTY FEELINGS**
(Preschool – Gr. 2)
Fragility, an oversensitive hippo, suffers from hurt feelings. She cries, “You hurt my feeelings!” so often that her friends begin to avoid her. Confronted by Rudy, the elephant bully, Fragility discovers that she is stronger than she thinks.

**Craig Fouger**

**STANLEY GOES FOR A DRIVE**
(Preschool – Gr. 3)
One hot day, Stanley goes for a drive in his old pickup truck. It’s so dry because there isn’t a cloud in the sky. The power of imagination is celebrated in this visually stunning story.

**Barbara Lehman**

**THE RED BOOK**
(Preschool – Gr. 3)
In this wordless picture book, two children living far apart meet with the help of a mysterious red book.

**Tedd Arnold**

**TOE FROM HEAD TO TOE**
(Grades 1 – 3)
This outrageously fun book makes counting fun. Based on a true story, this delightful duck tale makes counting fun. After a storm, 10 little rubber ducks go overboard and float in different directions, encountering different sea creatures along the way. Children will enjoy pressing the duck on the last page and hearing him “squeak.”

**Tim J. Myers**

**BASHO AND THE RIVER STONES**
(Grades 1 – 4)
A trickster tale featuring seventh-century Japanese poet, Basho, and a magical fox that tries to cheat Basho out of his share of cherries. When Basho writes a beautiful haiku about the stones that the fox gives him in exchange for the cherries, the fox learns that sharing cherries with a friend is sweeter than eating them alone.

**James Rumford**

**SEQUOHIA: THE CHEROKEE MAN WHO GAVE HIS PEOPLE WRITING**
(Grades 1 – 4)

**Eric Carle**

**10 LITTLE RUBBER DUCKS**
(Preschool – Gr. 1)
Based on a true story, this delightful duck tale makes counting fun. After a storm, 10 little rubber ducks go overboard and float in different directions, encountering different sea creatures along the way. Children will enjoy pressing the duck on the last page and hearing him “squeak.”

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**Walluku Public Library** received a gift donation of new Children’s Hawaiian books last month from the Parent-Teacher-Student ‘Ohana of Kamehameha Schools-Maui Campus. The book titles include: *The Royal Water Uicker, A Bug Hunt in Hawaii, Going to the Tide Pools, Bukatoose,* Wyland’s *Spouty, Kimo’s Summer Vacation,* Ka Hulu Kokuhaku, “S” Went Surfing, and *Ke a E, Here, Glenda Berry* (right), Walluku Library’s Youth Services Librarian, displays the books presented by Nani Harman of the Parent-Teacher-Student ‘Ohana, Kamehameha Schools-Maui Campus.

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**Library Toons!**

By Wayne Kaneshiro, LBP II

**Where Are The Nêêtî Books?**

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