

## Databases of the Month: AncestryPlus & HeritageQuest

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*Are you trying to fill some branches on your family tree? Want to learn more about those relatives that your grandmother 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 definite 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, a genealogical database offered through ProQuest, has indexes and images for most of the United States Federal Censuses from 1790 through 1930. This database is searchable by name or location; you can view images of the census pages for individual family members or for entire towns.

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.

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

## Akamai Tip of the Month:

### Browse the HSPLS Catalog

From the convenience of your home or office computer, log on to [www.librarieshawaii.org](http://www.librarieshawaii.org) to browse through the HSPLS catalog. To do so, click on "Catalog." The catalog allows you to see if an item is currently available. If you are interested in a title but it is currently checked out, you may place a hold on the item. In addition, you can access various online databases like the **Auto Repair Reference Center**, a resource guide for automotive repair, **World Book Online**, and a wide variety of full-text materials from magazines, newspapers, journals, and other publications.

(Online Catalog, from front page)

- Fiction & Biography: lists characters by name, gender, occupation, and attributes; the genre; 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.librarieshawaii.org](http://www.librarieshawaii.org), be sure to check out our catalog's "Enriched Content" features. You'll be glad you did!



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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 library agencies 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;
- 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;
- 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.librarieshawaii.org](http://www.librarieshawaii.org). 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.



## 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:

(See Online Catalog, back page)

## 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.librarieshawaii.org](http://www.librarieshawaii.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.librarieshawaii.org](http://www.librarieshawaii.org) or call your local library.



## New Compact Discs @ your library

By Sally Walstrum, Hawai'i State Library

### Various Artists SLACK KEY GUITAR, VOL. 2

Winner of first-ever Grammy Award:

"Hawaiian Music Album." The 10 acoustic guitarists featured in this collection of solo performances represent a variety of slack key styles, from traditional to contemporary. Artists include: Sonny Lim, John Cruz, John Keawe, Ken Emerson and more.



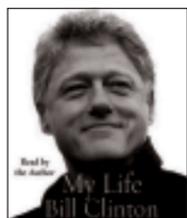
### Ray Charles GENIUS LOVES COMPANY

2005 Grammy Award Winner: "Album of the Year" On his final album, Ray Charles found himself paired with music icons including Norah Jones, Diana Krall, Elton John, Bonnie Raitt, James Taylor, Johnny Mathis, Gladys Knight and others.



### Bill Clinton MY LIFE

2005 Grammy Award winner: "Best Spoken Word Album." This eagerly anticipated memoir details former President Bill Clinton's time in the White House through the eyes of the man himself. Read by the author.



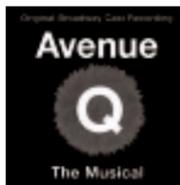
### K.D. Lang HYMNS OF THE 49th PARALLEL

Fulfills Lang's longstanding desire to create a Canadian songbook. Pays homage to fellow Canadian artists including Joni Mitchell, Leonard Cohen and Neil Young.



### 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 instrumental masters present exotic renditions of pop classics, Japanese film songs, and jazz standards.



### Various Artists FIFTY GREATEST HAWAII 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 Hānai'ali'i Gilliom, Willie K, Rap Reiplinger, 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 O'ahu, 587-1418; from Neighbor Islands, 1-800-887-8974 (toll-free). For more information, visit: [www.state.hi.us/tax](http://www.state.hi.us/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](http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/formspubs/index.html) to print or download forms. This IRS website includes Federal tax information, as well.

## New Copiers @ Your Library

As a convenience to Hawai'i State Public Library System customers, the Hawai'i Library Foundation has provided new copier machines for your local library.

Through a multi-year lease agreement with Hawai'i Business Equipment, the Foundation has placed Toshiba digital laser copiers in 50 public libraries statewide. These black-and-white copiers are faster than previous library copiers, and make clear, letter-sized copies. The cost per copy will continue to be 15 cents each.

Although the Toshiba copier does not have legal-sized paper, it can quickly and easily reduce legal-size documents to letter size. In addition, customers who anticipate doing multiple copying are requested to bring a supply of coins, as dollar bill changers are no longer available.

## Recommended Children's Books

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

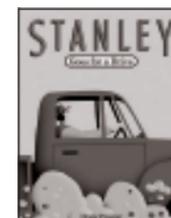
### Helen Lester HURTY FEELINGS

(Preschool – Gr. 2) Fragility, an oversensitive hippo, suffers from hurt feelings. She cries, "You hurt my feeeelings!" 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 Frazier 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. The simple illustrations tell a complex story that blends elements of fantasy, adventure, imagination and surprise. A 2005 Caldecott Honor Book.



### Tedd Arnold EVEN MORE PARTS: IDIOMS FROM HEAD TO TOE

(Grades 1 – 3) Chip from *Parts* and *More Parts* is back in *Even More Parts*.



Humorous illustrations of Chip and his toys literally "losing their heads" will appeal to children while teaching them about idioms. Laugh-out-loud fun!

### Tim J. Myers BASHO AND THE RIVER STONES

(Grades 1 – 4) A trickster tale featuring seveneenth-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 SEQUOYAH: THE CHEROKEE MAN WHO GAVE HIS PEOPLE WRITING

(Grades 1 – 4) Local author Rumford brings Native American Sequoyah to life in this handsomely illustrated biography. Although he could not read, Sequoyah invented writing for the Cherokee. With a parallel text in Cherokee, Sequoyah's inspiring story showcases the syllabary he created. Awards: 2005 ALA Notable Book, Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Honor 2005.



### 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."



Wailuku Public Library received a gift donation of new Children's Hawaiiana books last month from the Parent-Teacher-Student 'Ohana of Kamehameha Schools-Maui Campus. The book titles include: *The Royal Waker Upper*, *A Bug Hunt in Hawa'ii*, *Going to the Tide Pools*, *Bukaloose*, *Wyland's Spouty*, *Kimo's Summer Vacation*, *Ka Hulu Kokukohu*, "S" *Went Surfing*, and *Ku'e Here*. Glenda Berry (right), Wailuku Library's Youth Services Librarian, displays the books presented by Nani Harman of the Parent-Teacher-Student 'Ohana, Kamehameha Schools-Maui Campus.

## Library Toons!

By Wayne Kaneshiro, LBPH



Where Are The Nēnē Books?