
The Federal Government publishes information on a wide variety of subjects such as the outlook for sugar cane production; the causes of recorded deaths; the amount of crime in Hawaii; the social and economic status of Hawaii’s residents; the comparison of various business ventures; the records of patents and trademarks granted that could provide information not found elsewhere; the latest information on how to live with various ailments and illnesses; the latest advice on how to do your own taxes; the travel guides and maps to many popular destinations; and much more.

This information could be used to plan a personal trip or write an impressive school report, particularly for those who need primary source documents. Many Federal agencies have also developed outstanding analysis of historical events especially regarding the exploration of space or the significance of military engagements involving all the branches of service. The Federal Government produces many reports and advisories that benefit the lives of its citizens.

Did you know that many Federal Government publications are now available on the Internet? Did you know that the Federal Depository Libraries in Hawaii have many other documents that are not accessible through the Internet? Did you know that there is a database that can be used at any public library Internet computer that will tell you the difference?

Let us introduce you to MarciveWeb (rhymes with Archive Web) DOCS, an Internet-based Government Printing Office (GPO) records database. The web link is at http://www.marcive.com/web/docs/webdocsdll. MarciveWeb DOCS includes GPO records from July 1976 to the present and is updated once a month. Marcive indexes many types of these documents including agency publications, annual reports, census data, Congressional hearings, and statistical publications. The records can be browsed by their title or subject heading or using keywords from the title or subject heading. Links are provided if the publication is online.

Interested? Come to the Federal Documents Section, located on the second floor of the Hawaii’s State Library, where our staff will show you how to use this search engine. Our classes are one-on-one to address your specific information needs. We have the magic touch to help you search for your Federal Government information.

Hot Picks Tip of the Month

Hot Picks Titles Online: If you like to read the latest best sellers first, check out our Hot Picks by your library. Book titles are pre-ordered from the publishers to be available to circulation about the same time they appear in Hawaii’s bookstores.

Here’s what you need to know about Hot Picks: 7-day loan period, overdue fines are 25 cents per day, no renewals; to get a copy, you can place a reserve online through your library account by logging on to the HSPLS website at www.librarieshawaii.org, call your local library, use the library PAC terminal, or see a library staff member.

As a convenience, Hot Picks titles are listed by month at this link: http://www.librarieshawaii.org/information/hotpicks.htm. To find a title by author, use this link: http://www.librarieshawaii.org/information/hot-picksalpha.htm.

The Hawai’i Kai Public Library received $1,000 each from the Nagoya Joto Lions Club and Hawai’i Kai Joto Club in a ceremony last month. The 18th annual gift donation (increase total donation amount to about $33,000) also included a Japanese bow and arrow and sword Boys Day artwork from the Nagoya Joto Lions. From left, Lynn Masumoto, Director, Public Libraries Branch; Ann Moriya, temporary Hawai’i Kai Library manager; Minoru Takeasu, President, Hawai’i Kai Lions; Richard Okamoto, Chairperson, Library Committee, Hawai’i Kai Joto; and Nagata Hiroshi, 3rd Vice President, Nagoya Joto Lions.

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Later this year, public libraries are scheduled to conduct an “Every Child Ready to Read@your library” workshop for parents and caregivers. Be on the lookout for future announcements in Holo I Mua or by logging on to the HSPLS website at www.librarieshawaii.org.

For Early Talkers: Birth to Two-Year-Olds

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• Talk with your baby or toddler about what is going on around you.
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• Ask your baby or toddler lots of questions. Even if your child does not have the words to answer, the child learns that questions are invitations to respond.
• Speak clearly. Use short sentences.
• Repeat yourself when your child shows interest.
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Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library: Reading Tips for Parents with Young Children

By Paul H. Mark

Research shows that children who have large vocabularies are better readers. Hearing many words helps children recognize written words and understand what they read. By the time children are two years old, they understand 300 to 500 words. You can help your child learn new words by talking and reading together.

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Mark Your Calendars


May 28-30 – Memorial Day Holiday, all libraries closed. Call your local library for details.

June-July - 2005 HSPLS Children’s and Young Adult Summer Reading Programs: free 6-week programs at public libraries sponsored by Friends of the Library of Hawai’i, Hawai’i Pizza Hut, McDonald’s Restaurants of Hawai’i, Fitto Lay of Hawai’i, Diamond Bakery, Jamba Juice of Hawai’i, and the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa- O‘ahu College (O‘ahu participants receive weekly reading incentives while supplies last.

Themes: Color Your World with Reading (Children); Read a Movie@ your library (Young Adult). For information: call your local library and be sure to pick up a copy of the June 2005 issue of Holo I Mua.
Harked back to sentiment with the Three Irish from his earliest days Ronan Tynan interpretations of some famous standards release this new CD. It contains unique...DUKE OF UKE performing memorable songs of the '60s. The 2003 Old Friends LIVE ON STAGE OLD FRIENDS have packed it with Back with their 4th...THE APPALACHIAN SINGERS’ reverent Virginia Mine Disaster chronicles the region’s...This soundtrack to...THE NIGHT EATER (Preschool – Gr. 2) 2005 winner of the Ezra Jack Keats New...THE DADDY MOUNTAIN Jules Feiffer THE DADDY MOUNTAIN (Age 2 – Gr. 1) “Watch me. I’m getting ready to climb the Dad-dy Mountain.” A small child describes the challenges, the possible risks, the daring stretches involved in climbing from the feet to the very top of the Daddy Mountain, as her daddy stands still and let’s her make the triumphant climb all by herself to the very top. Juan Ana THE NIGHT EATER (K 2 – 3) Fifth-grader Naomi lives in a trailer park with her younger brother Owen and her great-grandmother, Gram. Although Naomi is a born worrier and doesn’t like being teased about being “trailer trash,” she has to admit that things could be worse – and then suddenly, they are. A 2006 Nënë Award Recommended Book.

Not Too Late to Help Support Public Libraries

April has come and gone. With the conclusion of this year’s tax season, the Hawai‘i State Public Library System would like to say “Mahalo Nui Loa” to all of the library customers who supported the Hawai‘i State Public Library System through the 2005 Foodland Shop for Better Education program. Your participation resulted in Foodland awarding $10,335 to the Hawai‘i State Public Library System in support of their Education program. Your participation of Taxation reported that as of March 31, 2005, there is still time to support your public libraries. Please consider designating $2 of your refund ($4 for a joint return) for the Hawai‘i State Public Library System. Communities statewide will benefit from your tax donation through the purchase of library materials for all ages.

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Pre-Readers: Four- and Five-Year-Olds Knowing the names and sounds of letters helps children figure out how to read written words. Here are some tips on how to teach your child the importance of letter knowledge:

• Write your child’s name.
• Make letters from clay or use magnetic letters.
• Point out and name letters when reading alphabet books, signs or labels.
• Show your child that the same letter can look different.
• Write words that interest your child (like “dinosaur” or “truck”) using crayons, magnetic letters or pencil and paper.

For those of you who have filed for an extension to your income taxes, there is still time to support your public libraries. Please consider designating $2 of your refund ($4 for a joint return) for the Hawai‘i State Public Library System. Communities statewide will benefit from your tax donation through the purchase of library materials for all ages.

Recommended Children’s Books

By Vicky Devorak, Hawai‘i’s State Library

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Juan Ana THE NIGHT EATER (Preschool – Gr. 2) 2005 winner of the Ezra Jack Keats New Illustrator Award. Mystical, surreal art suggests the magic charm of the Night Eater, who follows the Moon consuming darkness – until the Moon suggests that the Night Eater is putting on weight. He refuses to eat another bite, and the world is cloaked in darkness. But the Night Eater succumbs to temptation and regains his appetite, and day and night resume their normal pattern.

Karen Hesse THE CATS IN KRA-SINSKI SQUARE (Gr. 2 – 5) A picture book rendi-tion of a small part of the Jewish Resistance movement in World War II Poland, as told through the eyes of a young girl. She and her older sister have escaped from the Ghetto and are passing as Polish. She befriends stray cats as her sister and friends plot to smuggle food in to the starving Jews in the Ghetto.

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LBPH Volunteers Provide World-wide Service

For the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) honored 63 volunteers last month at its annual LBPH Volunteer Recognition Luncheon, held at the Waikīkī Beach – Marriott Resort. In 2004, these volunteers logged in a total of 1,361.75 hours, assisting LBPH by performing a variety of tasks such as narrating books; reading/monitoring for the Radio Reading Service; assist-ing in Braille proofreading; processing books in large type, Braille, and cassette; cleaning machines; assisting with clerical work; and packing books and machines.

In all of these varied activities, whatever the time of day (even at 4:00 a.m., or many hours, you help to make our program successful to reach the ultimate goal of serving the citizens in our community who are blind and phys-ically handicapped, with the best library service possible,” said Fusako Miyashiro, LBPH Director. “Most of your work by yourselves whether in a booth, or at a table with books, or machines, paper, and boxes, and you probably sort of get a feeling that is all to your work, or in the current phrase, that ‘what you see is what you get.’”

“However, there is a big picture,” Miyashiro continued. “Your work is more than just for Hawai‘i! LBPH’s patrons alone. For example, the books narrated are put into the national data base quarterly – meaning that patrons registered with any of the 57 regional and sub-regional libraries throughout the U.S., the U.S.-affiliated Pacific Islands, and those citizens abroad, can read the book that you finished. The packing of needed Braille books that you do, when completed, go to various countries like Argentina or Africa, who need these books. The Large type books that take so much time are available to all patrons of the other 50 libraries in the state.

Everything you do has a purpose which is part of a bigger picture,” Miyashiro concluded. The luncheon program also included remarks by State Librarian Jo Ann Schindler, and entertainment by singer Cheryl Bartlett, who was accompanied on guitar by Bobby Nishida.

Oh, No – it’s to be continued again!