Database Clean Up of Patron Records

T he Hawai‘i State Public Library System’s patron database will undergo a “purge” of records, during the month of November with the planned removal of inactive accounts. Inactive accounts are primarily comprised of:

- customers who have not registered a circulation transaction (i.e. borrowed library material) on their cards in the past three years or more
- military customers who have relocated from the state and
- former residents who have relocated elsewhere.

The removal of these inactive accounts will improve the system’s database resources.

If a customer has not made a circulation transaction (i.e. borrowed library material) in the last three years or more, their record may be purged. If a customer visits their local library, presents their library card, and discovers that their record has been purged, they will be asked to fill out a new library card application form and present valid identification to have their card reactivated for free. Current library users should not be affected by this database clean up procedure.

Internet computer users, who use their library card only to access the libraries’ Internet stations and not to borrow materials, may find that their accounts have been purged. These individuals may complete a new application form, provide valid identification, and reactivate their accounts at no charge.

Celebrate Children’s Book Week 2005

Diane Ferlatte, an internationally acclaimed and award-winning storyteller, and Faustwork Mask Theatre’s The Mask Messenger, which showcases the many uses of masks throughout history, will be featured performers for Children’s Book Week 2005 and the 2005 Talespinners’ Festivals of the Pacific, the November 14 – 20. Admission is free.

Ferlatte, a New Orleans native who now resides in Oakland, Calif., has received awards for her audio tapes from Parents’ Choice and the American Library Association. She has performed nationwide, including in Hawai‘i, as well as internationally, touring in Austria, New Zealand, and Australia. Ferlatte will perform at five public libraries: O‘ahu – Nov. 14, 9 a.m. at Salt Lake-Moanalua; Nov. 17, 7 p.m. at Aiea; Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m. at Mililani; on Maui – Nov. 18, 3:30 p.m. at Kīhei; and on Kaua‘i – Nov. 22, 3 p.m. at Kōloa.

Faustwork Mask Theatre features Robert Faust, another native New Orleanian, who is its founder and artistic director. The Mask Messenger combines monologue, physical comedy, and theatre to explore the artistic, cultural, and psychological use of masks. Since 1983, Faustwork Mask Theatre has been performed at The Sydney Opera House, Walt Disney Hall, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, plus other venues throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

See The Mask Messenger at nine public libraries: Big Island – Nov. 14, 3 p.m. at Na‘alehu; Nov. 14, 9 a.m. at Pāhala; Nov. 15, 1 p.m. at Mt. View; on O‘ahu – Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m. at Mililani; Nov. 17, 3 p.m. at Kaimuki; Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m. at Liliu‘; Nov. 22, 3 p.m. at Pearl City; Nov. 22, 6 p.m. at Wai‘alae; and on Nov. 23, 2:45 p.m. at Moloka‘i.

Ferlatte and Faust will perform at the Hawai‘i State Public Library System’s Children’s Book Week 2005 Smokin’ Dog Talespinners’ Festivals on the Big Island, as well as at five public libraries: Nov. 14, 2-4:55 p.m. at Moloka‘i; on O‘ahu – Nov. 15, 6:30 p.m. at ‘Ani Haina; Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m. at Kapolei; Nov. 20, 2:30 p.m. at Kāne‘ohe; on Maui – Nov. 24 – 30.

Storyteller/Ballerader James McCarthy and stage and screen actor Janice Terukina will join Ferlatte to headline the 2005 Talespinners’ Festivals of the Pacific, performing together for 90 minutes at six public libraries: Nov. 14, 2-4:55 p.m. at Moloka‘i; on O‘ahu – Nov. 15, 6:30 p.m. at ‘Ani Haina; Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m. at Kapolei; Nov. 20, 2:30 p.m. at Kāne‘ohe; on Maui – Nov. 24 – 30.

Mark Your Calendars

Nov. 11-13 – Veterans Day holiday; all libraries will be closed. Check with your local library for holiday hours or visit www.libshawaii.org.

Dec. 25 – All libraries will be closed. Check with your local library for reopening dates or visit www.libshawaii.org.
A Love Letter to HSPLS
By Victoria S.S. Wong (Special to Hol o I Mua)

What I’ve found does the most good is just to get into a taxi and go to Tiffany’s. It calms me down right away, the quietness and the proud look of my local library bring me a serene joy. When I enter the door, the awful din of the traffic is replaced by the stillness of hushed patrons while the shelves of seemingly limitless text scream out promises of filling the gaping void in my mind. The librarians don’t wear suits, but it is a soft-spoken man in suspenders behind my local reference desk who makes me smile. And though I have never smelled an alligator wallet, I would hazard a guess that the fragrance of crisp book pages is far more pleasant. As a child, the news of a trip to the library held all sorts of promises for me. Were we going to the Kaimuki Public Library where I would get a li hing mui or visit a public library to borrow some language books and other reading materials? I was always looking forward to the first Friday in November. So on Nov. 4, 10:30 a.m. at Waialua (ages 3-up), Nov. 17, 10 a.m. at Waipahu (ages 3-up); Nov. 17, 10 a.m. at Waialua (ages 3-up).

Local Arborist Group Donates Books to HSPLS
By Minsoo Sato

The Hawai‘i State Public Library System has received a donation of more than $80,000 worth of books from the Aloha Arborist Association, Carol Kwan Consulting LLC, and Western Chapter International Society of Arboriculture, as part of the Hawai‘i Public Tree Education Campaign. This campaign is funded by Kaulunu, an Urban Forestry Program of the Dept. of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Forest Service. The majority of the donated books will benefit those who are interested in becoming a Certified Arborist or a Certified Tree Worker.

Local author Kevin E. Kectar donated his book, Chainsaw Safety and Field Maintenance as part of this project. To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Arbor Day in Hawai‘i, 51 copies of Tree Basics by Alex L. Shigo were donated by the Aloha Arborist Association Arbor Day in Hawai‘i is celebrated on the first Friday in November. So on Nov. 4, celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree or visit a public library to borrow some books about trees.