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The Vocational and Career Collection

The Vocational and Career Collection (VCC) is a new addition to the online databases offered by the Hawai'i State Public Library System. It accesses information about all kinds of careers and fields of work through entire full-text articles from over 400 trade and industry-related magazines and periodicals, as well as resources like the *New York Times*, *Business Week* and *Monthly Labor Review*. Periodicals include: *Lodging Hospitality*, *Modern Machine Shop*, *Pediatric Nursing*, *Drug Store News*, *Video Business* and *Construction Review*.

You can research different careers and various aspects of career fields. Explore the experiences and challenges of women firefighters. Discover the increasing educational programs in forensics as a result of the popular CSI shows. Find out what computer skills are needed by today's auto mechanics. This database is updated daily, so you can have timely information from the industry's magazines about work in that field.

You can access VCC from the HSPLS Home Page www.librarieshawaii.org using your HSPLS library card number. Click on "Other Databases" on the left side of the home page. Scroll down and select "Vocational and Career Collection." Once you find some listings, you can look for the article. If it says "Full Text," you can select it to read or print the article. If the article is not available

full text, check with your library staff to see if the library owns the resource.

Explore a world of careers with a click of a mouse @ your library website! (Next month: another Vocational & Career Collection)

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staff made a team decision to stay open two nights a week to serve commuting customers, and to eliminate the slowest day of the week (Saturday) in order to be more cost efficient. In addition, the staff decided to implement a Monday through Friday schedule which would better serve the 28 public and private schools in their area.

Team members include: Library Manager Sandy Akana; Children's Librarian Patti Meerians; Young Adult Librarian Cynthia Frazer; Library Technicians Gail Kashiwabara and Lisa Elson; Library Assistants Rochelle Yoshizaki, Carol Masaki, Kat Anderson, Bettina Zia and Steven Fredrick; and Janitor Thomas Burningham.

After a period of time, Team Kailua realized the need to be open on Saturdays. With the encouragement and support of legislators, Board of Education members, community leaders, and library administrators, Kailua Public Library was able to reinstate its Saturday hours in October 2004. Remarkably, the Kailua staff



Team Kailua was honored last month by the Board of Education and State Librarian Jo Ann Schindler. 1st Row, from left, Schindler, Bettina Zia, Library Manager Sandy Akana, Patti Meerians, Gail Kashiwabara. 2nd Row, from left, Steven Fredrick, Rochelle Yoshizaki, Lisa Elson, Cynthia Frazer. Not in photo: Carol Masaki, Kat Anderson, Thomas Burningham.

was able to maintain the multiple projects that they had begun during the tight budget times, even though the staff was covering a six days per week schedule. Among the projects included a Photovoltaic System and Lighting Retrofit Project, which was made possible by an anonymous \$140,000 donation. Staff worked around the contractor to keep the library open as 700 fluorescent light bulbs and 177 ballasts were changed.

Team Kailua also volunteered in a wide variety of outreach projects which have increased their visibility in the community. Among major partnership efforts include: the Flagpole Project, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Windward O'ahu; and the Courtyard Renovation Project, a collaborative effort with the state Dept. of Accounting and General Services, Women's Community Correctional Center, Friends of Kailua Library, Lanikailua Outdoor Circle, and the Harold K. L. Castle Foundation.

In addition, the names of two Sustained Superior Performance Award recipients were announced at the Board of Education meeting: **Claire Ikehara**, Librarian V, Public Libraries Branch; and **Geraldine Nishimura**, Library Assistant IV of Hilo Public Library.



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HSPLS Award Winners Named

By Paul H. Mark

A librarian who is highly-respected and greatly appreciated by both library customers and co-workers who seek her assistance. A team that strives to work together efficiently, in partnership with each other and with the community. They are the **2005 Employee of the Year** and **Team of the Year**, respectively, for the Hawai'i State Public Library System. The recipients were recognized and honored by the Board of Education at the Aug. 18 BOE meeting.

Linnel Yamashita, Adult Reference Librarian of the McCully-Mo'ili'ili Public Library, is the 2005 HSPLS Employee of the Year. Yamashita, who



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has been with McCully-Mo'ili'ili Public Library for 14 years, is an excellent communicator, and has demonstrated outstanding problem-solving abilities and technical savvy in her job. She possesses

an incredible memory which is invaluable in helping her recall the plots of all the mysteries and other books that she has read when finding the right book for customers.

Yamashita has served as a mentor for many University of Hawai'i library school students who will soon be entering the profession, and established an excellent training program at her library for the interns.

The **Kailua Public Library Team** is the recipient of the 2005 HSPLS Team of the Year Award. When budget restrictions necessitated the statewide reduction of public service hours in 2003, the Kailua

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Your Library Card - The Smartest Card



This September, the Hawai'i State Public Library System and the American Library Association (ALA) are teaming up to urge Hawai'i residents to sign up for a library card, the "smartest card" in your wallet. The theme of this year's national Library Card Sign-up Month is "The Smartest Card. Get It. Use It. @ your library."

"A library card is your key to accessing a wealth of information and knowledge that our public libraries offer," said State Librarian Jo Ann Schindler. "I encourage everyone to discover our many resources of books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, online databases 24/7, eBooks, digital audio books, and more."

Observed every September since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month also reminds parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all – and – the smartest card a student can own.

Wanted: Entry-level Librarians

By Paul H. Mark

Librarians and recent Library and Information Science graduates: If you are a Hawai'i resident and can picture yourself connecting communities with information, enjoyment, enrichment and knowledge, consider a career with the Hawai'i State Public Library System. Recruitment for entry-level Librarian III positions statewide is now underway and will close on Sept. 12, 2005. Starting salary for the Librarian III position is \$3,030 per month.

"As a major employer of library professionals in Hawai'i, we have 51 libraries on six islands," said State Librarian Jo Ann Schindler. "In a customer satisfaction survey, 81 percent rated us as "Excellent" to "Good," a proud accomplishment, thanks to our talented and dedicated staff."

"We offer career opportunities that are both challenging and rewarding. We are currently investigating and initiating innovative services such as eBooks and digital audio books, self check out, and Internet scheduling and print management systems. Each of us is making a positive contribution to the intellectual life of our community,

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Mark Your Calendars

Sept. 7-Oct. 19, Children's Science Books Project: Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library, displays 182 new children's science books provided by about 20 children's book publishers. Titles are categorized under 17 subject headings in a free bibliography, available while supplies last. For more information, call the library at 831-6831.

Sept. 24 - Oct. 1, Banned Books Week 2005: 23rd annual celebration of the freedom to read; book displays at some libraries.

Oct. 16-22, 8th Annual Teen Read Week, "Get Real!": programs featuring guest performers at some libraries, sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Hawai'i. See next month's issue for details.

Recommended Children's Books

By Melissa De Leon & Vicky Dworkin,
Hawai'i State Library-Edna Allyn Children's Room

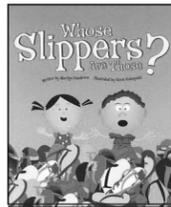
Lois Ann Yamanaka THE HEART'S LANGUAGE

(K – Gr. 4)
Set in Hawai'i, this first picture book by Lois Ann Yamanaka tells the poignant story of an autistic boy who can communicate with animals and nature but struggles to speak with his parents. A magical blue bird helps this family learn to communicate their love to each other using the heart's language.



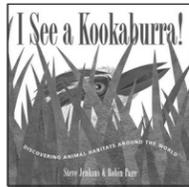
Marilyn Kahalewai WHOSE SLIPPERS ARE THOSE?

(Preschool)
"Red slippers, blue slippers, old slippers, new slippers..." New illustrations by Gavin Kobayashi help re-introduce Marilyn Kahalewai's classic rhyming picture book to a new generation of Hawai'i's keiki.

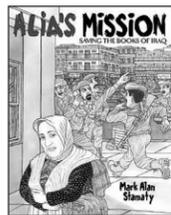


Steve Jenkins and Robin Page I SEE A KOOKA-BURRA

(Preschool – Gr. 3)
The author/illustrators of *What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?* offer a new book about the animal world. The colorful collaged paper illustrations allow readers to search for animals as they blend into their natural habitats in six different parts of the world.



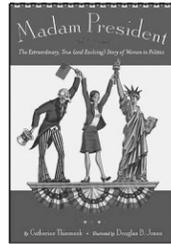
Mark Alan Stamaty ALIA'S MISSION: SAVING THE BOOKS OF IRAQ



This graphic-novel style book is based on the true story of Iraqi librarian Alia Muhammad Baker and her secret plan to save the books in the Central Library of Basra. When the war brings destruction to Basra, Alia leads a group of Basra's citizens who work to quickly move over 30,000 of the library's books to safety before it is too late.

Catherine Thimmesh MADAM PRESIDENT: THE EXTRAORDINARY, TRUE (AND EVOLVING) STORY OF WOMEN IN POLITICS

(Gr. 3 – 7)
This lively and humorous book profiles 22 women and the roles that they played in the history of politics. The brief but informative biographies highlight the strengths and accomplishments of First Ladies, suffragettes, and politicians in the U.S. and around the world.



Jeff Stone TIGER (THE FIVE ANCESTORS SERIES)

(Gr. 5 – 9)
Five young warrior-monk apprentices survive an insurrection led by a treacherous former monk. They must use the ancient arts that they have learned to preserve the secrets of their ancient order. A stirring adventure story with plenty of action that will appeal to fans of martial arts and Japanese anime.



Friends Book Sale Raises Over \$130,000

The recent 58th Annual Friends of the Library of Hawai'i Book Sale netted more than \$130,000. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Hawai'i State Public Library System. The success of the week-long book sale at McKinley High School cafeteria was made possible through the collective efforts of many businesses, organizations and over 130 volunteers.

Wow Wie, Links to Literacy Time

By Paul H. Mark

The beautiful Kō 'Olina Golf Club will once again be the setting for the 12th annual *Marriott Links to Literacy Golf Tournament*, a benefit for the Friends of the Library of Hawai'i, on Friday, Sept. 16.

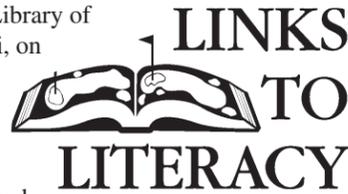
For the second straight year, **Michelle Wie** will serve as Honorary Chairperson of the sold-out tournament, which tees off at 11:30 a.m. The 15-year-old golf sensation enjoyed playing in three previous Links to Literacy tournaments, from 2000-2002. **Alan Y. Yamamoto** serves as the tournament chairman.

Last year's tournament raised a record high of \$106,000. Net proceeds provide supplemental funding for programs and grants for public libraries here in Hawai'i. Volunteers are still needed; call the Friends of the Library of Hawai'i at 536-4174.

The tournament format is 18 holes and three-person modified scramble. An awards banquet, hosted by television personality **Kimo Kahoano**, will feature live and silent auctions plus prize drawings, at 6:30 p.m. at the JW Marriott 'Ihilani Resort and Spa. Among the top silent auction items will be a 6 nights/7 days stay plus a round of golf for two at Desert Springs, a JW Marriott Resort & Spa in Palm Desert, Calif.

All golfers present at the tournament will be eligible to win the Grand Prize drawing: a 4 nights/5 days stay at the Marriott Newport Beach Resort & Spa, with air transportation to San Diego provided by Aloha Airlines.

In addition to title sponsor Marriott Resorts Hawai'i, tournament corporate sponsors include: Aloha Airlines, Armstrong Produce, Ltd., Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Hawai'i, Commercial Data Systems, Inc., HMS Host, Hansen Foodservice, Meadow Gold Dairies, Roberts Hawai'i, Starbucks Coffee and Unilever Bestfoods Foodservice.



'Ewa Beach Teen Wins \$1,000 Shopping Spree

By Paul H. Mark

Imagine what it would be like to wake up early one morning to find out that you had won a \$1,000 shopping spree . . . **Amber Kaulia**, a sophomore at

Campbell High School, found out recently as she was getting ready to go to school.

Amber was surprised at 6:40 a.m. at her 'Ewa Beach home on live television by a Hawai'i Pizza Hut official, Channel 2 Morning News reporter Manolo Morales and cameraman George Cabral, and a group of HSPLS staff members.

Leah Allen, Hawai'i Pizza Hut's Field Marketing Director, delivered an announcement on "live" television that Amber was the Grand Prize winner of the 2005 Hawai'i Pizza Hut and Hawai'i State Public Library System Young Adult Summer Reading Program "Back to School Shopping Spree" Sweepstakes.

A stunned but happy Amber accepted the delivery box which contained a congratulatory letter, instead of a pizza. She was awarded a \$1,000 shopping spree at Pearlridge Center.

Amber's name had been drawn by Hawai'i Pizza Hut officials from among 3,000 entries, submitted by Hawai'i's 51 public libraries. She was the contest entrant from 'Ewa Beach Public & School Library.

This year, the estimated 3,000+ teens statewide who signed up for the five-week HSPLS Young Adult Summer Reading Program were eligible to enter the sweepstakes. "Read A Movie" was the theme of this year's program. A combined total of more than 25,000 books were read by the participants.

Amber, who had never won a contest before, read a total of 27 books during the 'Ewa Beach Public & School Library's summer reading program. An avid reader, Amber enjoys reading mystery and suspense novels.

Last month, the three lucky winners, each accompanied by a parent or family member, were picked up at their homes in a stretch limousine, courtesy of Hawai'i Pizza Hut, and transported



Excitement and joy filled the air for 2005 Summer Reading Shopping Spree Sweepstakes winners (from left) Amber Kaulia (Grand Prize), Lily Lum (2nd Place), and Adayna Wong-Sagiao (3rd Place) at Pearlridge Center.

to Pearlridge Center for the shopping spree. **Lily Lum**, a Liliha Public Library customer and a student at Central Middle School, was the second place winner of a \$500 shopping spree. **Adayna Wong-Sagiao**, an 'Aiea Public Library customer and 'Aiea Intermediate School student, won third place and a \$250 shopping spree.

Hawai'i Pizza Hut, a staunch supporter of literacy efforts, has been the lead corporate sponsor for the popular teen reading program for 13 consecutive years. In addition to the shopping sprees, Hawai'i Pizza Hut provided each of the 51 libraries with 10 Summer Reading Pizza Award Certificates for additional lucky drawing prizes.

The Children's and Young Adult Summer Reading Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Hawai'i. Generous co-sponsors of the Young Adult Summer Reading Program include Frito-Lay of Hawai'i, Jamba Juice, University of Hawai'i Outreach College, Hawai'i Pacific University, and State Office of Planning/Coastal Zone Management.

HSPLS Removes Computer Games, Chat Rooms, Music Download Features

The recent increased use of computer games, chat rooms, and MP3 downloads by library customers caused severe slowdowns of the computer system network of the Hawai'i State Public Library System. In addition, the ongoing use of these three features posed security risks with the constant threat of computer viruses being introduced.

Effective Aug. 23, 2005, the Hawai'i State Public Library System removed games, chat rooms, and music downloading capabilities from its Internet access computers. HSPLS turned to current industry/government IT practice, which is to block these activities. As a result, HSPLS is experiencing better utilization of network bandwidth and system security is improved.

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and our public library system is certainly one that you can be proud of as well as proud to work in," Schindler said.

For more information, log on to the Hawai'i State Public Library System's website: <http://www.librarieshawaii.org/about/employment2.html>, the Hawai'i State Recruiting Office's web site: www.ehawaii.gov.org/statejobs or call the Hawai'i State Recruiting Office at (808) 587-1161.

LIBRARY TOONS!

By Wayne Kaneshiro, LBPH

BOOK SALE

