



## Novelist

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If you like reading fiction novels, be sure to check out **Novelist**, one of over 40 EBSCO electronic databases available for viewing free of charge for HSPLS customers.

Novelist, a fiction database, offers subject heading access, reviews, annotations, etc. for more than 135,000 fiction titles. There are full title records of fiction for all ages, such as picture books, children's "chapter" books, young adult titles and books for adults. Title records include full-text reviews from several journals. In addition to these reviews, you will find annotations and summaries, all of which are searchable.

If you click on the "For Readers" tab, there are several interesting features to browse such as *Author Read-alikes*, *What We're Reading*, *Book Discussion Guides*, *BookTalks*, and *Annotated Book Lists*. Hypertext links from title records allows you to go directly to articles or guides that mention the title.

*Author Read-alikes* articles can help you find authors whose books are similar to the novels written by your favorite author. Besides finding similar books to your favorites, Novelist will let you look up and view series information, browse book lists by category, genre, or theme at every reading level, browse for award-winning titles, and more.

If you are a teacher, click on the "School Resources" tab to find materials developed specifically for educators. This page will lead you to vital curriculum-related articles, Picture Book Extenders, thematic lists, and a lot more. Under the "Teaching with Fiction" section, select "Fiction from the 50 States" to find a list of more than a dozen children's titles that take place in Hawai'i.

To access this database, visit [www.librarieshawaii.org](http://www.librarieshawaii.org), click on "Other Databases," scroll down the list and select Novelist. You will be asked to enter your

valid library card number.

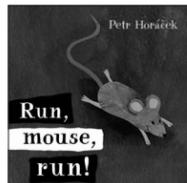
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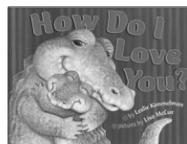
## Recommended Children's Books

By Melode Reinker, Children's Librarian, Kāne'ohe Public Library

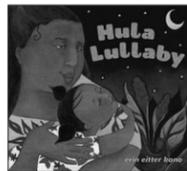
**Petr Horacek**  
**RUN, MOUSE, RUN**  
(Toddler Board book)  
Mouse is running all around, but where is he going?



**Leslie Kimmelman**  
**HOW DO I LOVE YOU?**  
(Preschool - K)  
A mother alligator counts many ways she loves her baby from right side up to upside down, from happy face to even a frown.



**Erin Eitter Kono**  
**HULA LULLABY**  
(Preschool - K)  
A small child falls asleep to the sound of the ipu and the rhythmic chant of the dancers.



**Katya Arnold**  
**ELEPHANTS CAN PAINT, TOO**  
(Gr. 1 - 3)  
Elephants in Thailand and children in New York City have great fun learning to paint.

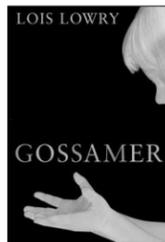


**Megan McDonald**  
**JUDY MOODY DECLARES INDEPENDENCE**

(Gr. 2 - 4)  
After learning about the American Revolution, Judy makes her own Declaration of Independence and tries to prove that she is responsible enough for freedoms such as more allowance.



**Lois Lowry**  
**GOSSAMER**  
(Gr. 4 - 6)  
With her light touch, the littlest dream-giver bestows dreams on an angry boy. Will she save him from his nightmares?



**Blue Balliett**  
**THE WRIGHT 3**  
(Gr. 4 - 6)  
When a sixth grade class tries to save Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House from demolition, eerie things start to happen. Can these kids pursue justice and escape with their lives?



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# Holo I Mua

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## HSPLS Proposes Organization and Rule Changes

By Paul H. Mark

The Hawai'i State Public Library System (HSPLS) presented several proposed structural and other substantive changes to the Hawai'i Administrative Rules at the Board of Education Committee on Public Libraries' July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Administrative Rules governing HSPLS were last modified in 1998.

These proposed changes address the rules which govern the application for and use of HSPLS library cards, the use and loan of print, non-print, and audiovisual materials, and circulation fines, fees, and charges.

The proposed changes are intended to provide library customers and staff with easier location and retrieval of HSPLS policies, a reduction of duplicated text, and a more logical flow of information.

Public library staff is continuing to hold internal discussions on proposed changes for all of the Administrative Rules. Proposals will be made to the Board's Committee on Public Libraries, which may then make a recommendation to the full Board. The next step would be for the Board to decide to schedule public hearings on the proposed Administrative Rules changes.

In addition, HSPLS hopes to open district offices on the Big Island, Kaua'i, Maui, and O'ahu, in an effort to offer better and more consistent customer service, and more training, guidance, and mentoring for staff on all islands. At present, 49 of 51 libraries statewide are under the jurisdiction of one administrator on O'ahu. The Maui district office is scheduled to open first and will serve as a pilot project.

### Mark Your Calendars

**Aug. 18 – Statehood Day Holiday**, all libraries will be closed. Visit [www.librarieshawaii.org](http://www.librarieshawaii.org) for re-opening dates or call your local library.

**Sept. 2-4 - Labor Day Holiday**, all libraries will be closed. Visit [www.librarieshawaii.org](http://www.librarieshawaii.org) for re-opening dates or call your local library.

**Sept. 15 – 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Marriott Links to Literacy**, Kō 'Olina Golf Club, 11:30 a.m., a benefit for Friends of the Library of Hawai'i. Honorary Chairperson: **Michelle Wie**. Call 536-4174.

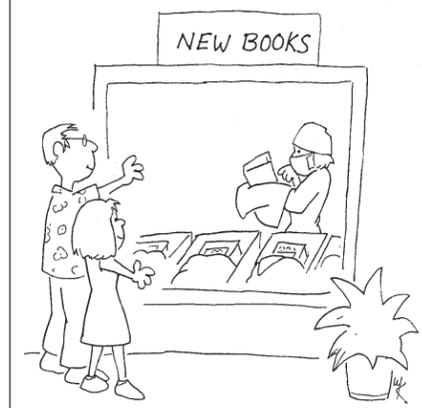
## Q & A: Online Renewal?

**Q:** Can I renew a book online?

**A:** No, not at this time. The "Renew" function in the Public Access Catalog has been disabled because the current software may cause problems for some customers. For example, if there is already a reserve in place for another customer, the item will not be renewed. However, there is no clear notification about this non-renewal. If the customer does not notice that the due date has not changed on the screen, he/she may assume the renewal has taken place, but will later be charged an unexpected overdue fine. HSPLS has requested a more user-friendly and trouble-free "Renew" option from the vendor. We are hopeful that a revised online "Renew" function will be made available for our library customers in the near future. In the meantime, you may continue to renew books and other materials by calling Telephone Renewal at 808-586-3652 / 1-800-820-RENU (7368) or any of our 51 public libraries.

## LIBRARY TOONS!

By Wayne Kaneshiro, LBPH



**Pearl Harbor Rotary Gives \$500**  
Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library was the recipient of a \$500.00 donation of new children's books from the Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor. From left, Curt Fukumoto, Children's Librarian of Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library; Donna McLaughlin, President-Elect, Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor; and Harvey Gray, Past President, Rotary Club of Pearl Harbor, admire a sampling of the 40 books at a recent rotary club meeting at Oahu Country Club.