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CultureGrams

Did you know that it's possible to have the world at your fingertips?

Well, nearly all of the world with 187 out of 193 countries represented.

CultureGrams, a product of ProQuest Information and Learning, is an online database accessible through HSPLS's website, which offers 187 country profiles. It is light and fun, offering trivia and general statistics and facts, covering 25 categories.

If you want to actually hear the tune of a country's national anthem, that too, is a click away. There's more.

It's easy to do! Select a country from the drop-down menu. The fact sheet format includes descriptions of its flag, population, history, language, lifestyle, and customs, each running about one to two paragraphs in length. There are two audio file buttons: hear how to correctly pronounce the name of the country, and listen to the tune of its national anthem. The *Current Time* button will let you know what time it is in Algiers to Zurich. There's also a *Currency Converter* button, a photo gallery, a few recipes and short biographies on the country's famous people. Create a comparison chart of vital statistics with the *Data Tables* feature.

There are three editions: *World*, *Kids* and *States*. The *World* edition is written for junior high and up. The *Kids* edition,

geared for upper-elementary grades, is a more graphic but abridged version, and includes a timeline. The *States* edition features our 50 states plus Washington D.C., and has its own audio file of state birds as well as the basics and trivia. For Hawaii, under "Famous People," you will see a list that includes singer Bette Midler and actress Tia Carrere.

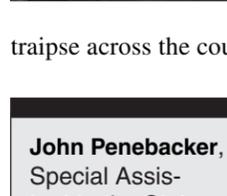
The fact sheet styled format and concise text lets you whiz through the country's highlights. CultureGrams

may just whet your curiosity and be the beginning to your wanting to explore different countries.

To access CultureGrams from your home computer, have your valid library card ready. Log-on to www.librarieshawaii.org, select "Other Databases"

from the navigation column, and then click on CultureGrams. Type in your card number and you're ready to

traipse across the countries!



John Penebacker, Special Assistant to the State Librarian, and former "Fabulous Five" member of the University of Hawaii Rainbows basketball team (1970-1972), was honored recently at the Hawaii State Library on his retirement from the Hawaii State Public Library System. As Special Assistant to the State Librarian, Penebacker served with distinction for nearly 18 years as a legislative library advocate under three State Librarians.



(*Contemporary Jazz*, from front page)

Jospé has produced four CDs of his own, with the last two "Time To Play" and "Blue Blaze" receiving 4 stars in *Downbeat Magazine* and had top-of-the-charts in national radio play.

Jospé and Davis are scheduled to appear at the following public libraries/school:

Oahu – Jan. 22, 2:30 p.m., **Kaneohe**; Jan. 28, 3 p.m., **Kapolei**; Jan. 29, 2 p.m., **Kaimuki**; Jan. 30: **Aiea** at 3:30 p.m., **Pearl City** at 7 p.m.; Jan. 31, 6:30 p.m., **Kahuku**; Feb. 1: **Ewa Beach** at 2:30 p.m., **Mililani** at 6:30 p.m.; Feb. 2: **Waimanalo** at 1 p.m., **Kailua** at 6:30 p.m.; Feb. 3, 3:30 p.m., **Kalihi-Palama**.

Big Island – Jan. 23: **Pahala** at 10:30 a.m., **Naalehu** at 2:30 p.m.; Jan. 24: **Holualoa Elementary School** (for **Holualoa Library** program; library closed in morning) at 9 a.m., **Kailua-Kona** at 5:30 p.m.; Jan. 25, 3 p.m., **Hilo**.

Maui – Jan. 26, 6:30 p.m., **Wailuku**.

Call the hosting library 7 to 10 days in advance if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed. Program schedules are subject to change. Contact the hosting library for more information.



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Contemporary Jazz Musicians to Perform at Libraries

By Paul H. Mark

Ring in the New Year @ your library . . . and move to the beat of a nationally-acclaimed jazz drummer!

The Hawaii State Public Library System will present contemporary jazz drummer/composer **Robert Jospé** and percussionist **Kevin Davis** in a series of lecture-demonstration programs at 17 libraries on Oahu, the Big Island, and on Maui, from Jan. 22 – Feb. 3. Admission is free.

Jospé, who began his career in New York City, is known for his inventive use of rhythmic styles incorporating salsa, samba, swing, funk and African rhythms into his own unique and distinctive style of contemporary jazz. Jospé currently resides in Charlottesville, Va., where he is a music faculty member of the University of Virginia. Since 1992, Jospé and Davis have presented the "World Beat Workshop" to more than 250 schools, festivals, and universities throughout Virginia.

Based on the "World Beat Workshop," this one-hour program will examine the African cultural influences in American, Central American, and South American Dance Music through lecture, demonstration, and group participation. This interactive learning experience is suitable for ages 5 to adults. Swing, rock, salsa, mambo, calypso, reggae, merengue, samba and bossa nova will be explained and demonstrated using a drum set and a wide variety of percussion instruments. In addition, the history of how and where these types of dance music developed will be introduced.

Funding for this program was provided by the UH-Manoa Outreach College's Statewide Cultural Extension Program, with support from the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Leader of Inner Rhythm, a jazz and world beat instrumental ensemble, Jospé has performed at festivals and concert halls throughout the mid-Atlantic region since 1990. In addition, Jospé has performed with many musicians including Dave Matthews, Willie Nelson, Michael Brecker, and performed on numerous soundtracks for PBS and The Discovery Channel.

(See *Contemporary Jazz*, back page)



Governor Honors 2005 Public Librarian of Year

Gov. Linda Lingle (right) presented the 2005 Public Librarian of the Year Award last month to **Mary Ann Collignon**, Young Adult Librarian of Kapolei Public Library, at the Hawaii State Library. Gov. Lingle thanked Collignon for sharing the priceless gift of knowledge, and for instilling a lifetime love of learning and reading in all who visit Hawaii's public libraries.

Collignon, a 15-year veteran of HSPLS, was selected by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii for her dedication, enthusiasm and commitment to her job, community service, and promotion of public libraries in the community. At the ninth annual awards ceremony, Collignon received a cash prize of \$1,000 for the Kapolei Public Library from corporate sponsor Borders Books, Music and Café. The Friends of the Library of Hawaii presented Collignon with the perpetual Public Librarian of the Year Award plaque, plus an additional \$500 to Kapolei Library, which will be used to purchase library materials.

Three other finalists received monetary awards for their libraries: **Janet Lam** of Thelma Parker Memorial Public and School Library on the Big Island; **Cynthia Frazer** of Kailua Public Library, and **Stewart Chun** of the Hawaii State Library's Federal Documents Section.



Jospé



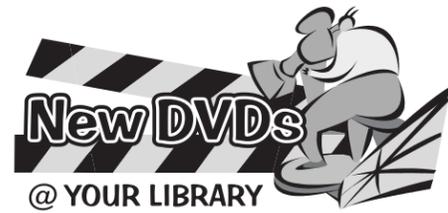
Davis

Mark Your Calendars

Jan. 11 – Friends of the Library of Hawaii Legislative Breakfast, 8 a.m., Hawaii State Library. By invitation only; RSVP requested. An opportunity for the Friends, other library supporters, and staff to meet legislators and discuss the value of public libraries to the community. Presentation of 2006 Mahalo Award to a legislator who has demonstrated exceptional support for libraries. For more information or to RSVP, call the Friends of the Library of Hawaii at 536-4174.

Jan. 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday; all libraries closed. Most libraries will reopen on Jan. 17. Call your local library for holiday hours or visit www.librarieshawaii.org.

Feb. 20 – Presidents Day Holiday; all libraries closed. Most libraries will reopen on Feb. 21. Call your local library for holiday hours or visit www.librarieshawaii.org.



By Sally Walstrum, Librarian,
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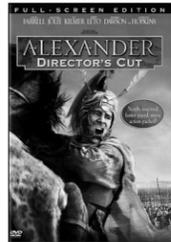
ADVENTURES OF SHARK BOY & LAVA GIRL

A boy's imaginary superhero friends come to life and join him on a series of adventures. DVD includes both 2-D and 3-D versions.



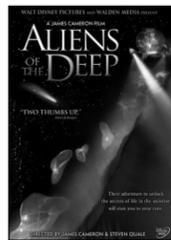
ALEXANDER

Director Oliver Stone recreates the story of Alexander the Great, who in the 4th century B.C. conquered Greece, Persia, Afghanistan, and India, which made up 90% of the known world. Colin Farrell stars in the title role.



ALIENS OF THE DEEP

Director James Cameron teams up with NASA scientists to explore the Mid-Ocean Ridge, a submerged chain of mountains that band the Earth and are home to some of the planet's most unique life forms.



CINDERELLA MAN

Russell Crowe stars in the inspiring story of Depression-era boxer James J. Braddock, whose prizefighting career appeared to be finished. But in 1935, Braddock's surprising comeback became a tonic to struggling workers and unemployed people when he took on Max Baer, the powerful heavy-weight champion.



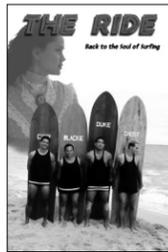
MAD HOT BALLROOM

In this acclaimed documentary, 11-year-old New York City public school kids journey into the world of ballroom dancing, and from their candid and hilarious perspectives, reveal pieces of themselves along the way.



THE RIDE

A cocky, young surfer wipes out on a big wave and slips back in time to 1911 Hawaii. There he learns the true spirit of surfing when he befriends a young Hawaiian beachboy not yet known to the world – Duke Kahanamoku. Written and directed by Kaiser High School alumnus Nathan Kurosawa. "The Ride" (2003) won two awards at the 2003 Louis Vuitton Hawaii International Film Festival: "Audience Award for Best Feature," and "Hawaii Film and Video-makers Award."



Make A New Year's Tax Resolution

If you love and value your public libraries, please show your support this tax season by contributing to the Hawaii State Public Library System's Special Fund!

Join the thousands of Hawaii taxpayers who donated a portion of their 2004 tax refunds to help support our public libraries. More than \$87,000 had been collected as of June 30, 2005 by the state Department of Taxation for the Hawaii State Public Library System's Special Fund.

Act 193 (HB 638) provides a check-off box on State individual income tax returns which allows taxpayers an opportunity to support the Hawaii State Public Library System. Your \$2 tax refund donations (\$4 for a joint return) will make it possible to purchase books and other library materials for all ages to enjoy.

Make a New Year's Resolution to mark the appropriate check-off box on your 2005 State Individual Income Tax Return Form. You'll be glad you did!



Harry Potter is alive and well at Kapolei Public Library! In a tribute to the 2005 Warner Brothers hit movie "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," Stephen Fong, husband of Library Technician Sharon Fong, created a unique Harry Potter display, complete with quidditch broom, goblet of fire, and of course, Harry Potter books. A must see for Harry Potter fans, it is currently on display in the lobby.

New Teen Titles

By Mark Kishaba, Young Adult Librarian,
Hilo Public Library

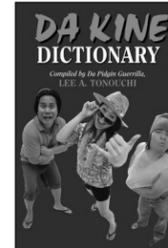
Guinness World Records, 2006

(Gr. 6 – up)
The ever popular annual edition of world records includes exciting new features, including all new record categories, full color trading cards, and poster-sized fold out pages.



Lee Tonouchi Da Kine Dictionary: Da Hawai'i Community Pidgin Dictionary

(Gr. 7 – up)
From "Ai Kudeesh" to "Yusto" (no "Zs" yet), a collection of 360 pidgin words contributed by the people of Hawaii and beyond. The book features each contributor's name, school, and year of graduation.



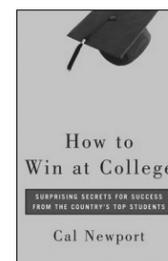
Rebecca Heller Surf Like a Girl: The Surfer Girl's Ultimate Guide to Paddling Out, Catching a Wave, and Surfing with Aloha

(Gr. 6 – up)
Endorsed by Kauai's teenage professional surfer and author Bethany Hamilton, this basic surfing guide for girls of all ages covers everything from surfing gear, surf etiquette, and ocean safety, to topics such as surfing with guys, grooming and fitness, and cool surf spots for beginners.



Cal Newport How to Win at College: Simple Rules for Success from Star Students

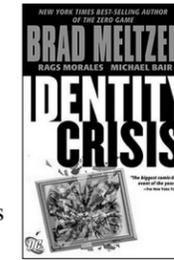
(Gr. 9 – up)
This is the only book



that claims to teach students how to win and beat others in the competitive world of college. Written by an ivy-league honors graduate, the author interviewed top college students for their secrets to develop his 75 rules for success. Some surprising rules include: don't do all your reading, ignore your GPA, and make your bed.

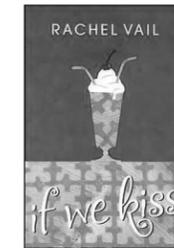
Brad Meltzer Identity Crisis

(Gr. 7 – up)
Graphic Novel. When the wife of the Elongated Man is brutally murdered, the members of the Justice League of America race against time to find the killer. The hardcover compilation of the critically acclaimed and best-selling "Crisis" series features both classic silver and modern age superheroes in a page-turning murder mystery.



Rachel Vail If We Kiss

(Gr. 7 – up)
High school freshman Charlotte "Charlie" Collins gets her first real kiss from class hunk Kevin Lazarus. Things would be great, except for the fact that Kevin is dating her best friend Tess, and Charlie's mom and Kevin's dad are getting engaged. Can Charlie figure a way out of her mess and find true love?



Stephenie Meyer Twilight

(Gr. 9 – up)
Seventeen-year-old Isabella Swan is irresistibly attracted to tall, dark and handsome senior Edward Cullen. But danger lurks around every corner of their relationship, because Edward and his beautiful, yet strange group of mysterious friends are keeping a terrifying secret. For vampire fans, a must read.



Free Computer Calendar Strips

Back by popular demand! If you surf the web and need a handy reminder of the HSPLS website to access a wealth of information and services offered by our public libraries, pick up your free 2006 Computer Calendar Strip at your local public library, while supplies last.

This 12-month calendar strip, which sports the bright red HSPLS library card with the yellow hibiscus, is designed to fit directly above the computer monitor screen or placed at the top of your keyboard. A total of 25,000 calendar strips have been distributed statewide.

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The Hawaii State Public Library System is now offering "eBooks" and Digital Audio Books, two new services from OverDrive/Digital Library Reserve. Learn how to download eBooks or digital audio books at this website: <http://hawaii.lib.overdrive.com> and follow each step carefully. Guides to these services can be found at: <http://www.librarieshawaii.org/services/ebooks.htm>.

LIBRARY TOONS!

By Wayne Kaneshiro, LBPH
For "Lost" TV fans...



Dude, that's overdue.