BoE Names New State Librarian

Richard P. Burns has been named new State Librarian by the Board of Education effective January 2008, announced Board of Education Chairman Karen Knudsen.

Richard Burns will replace current State Librarian Jo Ann Schindler who is retiring at the end of the year after serving as acting State Librarian since July 2003 and as State Librarian since October 2003. In October 2006, Schindler informed the Board of her retirement plans at the end of 2007 after 29 years with HSPLS.

Richard Burns, who will take the reins heading the 51 branch Hawaii State Public Library System, has extensive experience throughout HSPLS since 1983, including Library Assistant IV and Librarian Technician V positions at Kahuku Public & School Library; Children's Librarian at Waikele and Kailua Public Libraries; Adult Services Librarian at Ewa Beach Public Library & School Library and Hawaii Kai Public Library; Young Adult Librarian at Kahului Public Library; Bookmobile Librarian at Kekaha Public Library; and Librarian at Waimanalo Public & School Library and Kapolei Public Library.

“We appreciate the leadership and dedication State Librarian Schindler has provided over the years and look forward to working with Mr. Burns in his new capacity leading the Hawaii State Public Library System,” said Knudsen.

Under the direction of the Board, the State Librarian is responsible for the operation, planning, programming, and budgeting of all public and school libraries within the State. The State Librarian oversees library services, collections, and programs that fulfill HSPLS mission.

Celebrate Children’s Book Week 2007

Sanchez, a native of Malaga, Spain, has thrilled audiences for more than a decade with a unique performance style full of warmth and humor that stresses audience participation and focuses on themes such as peace-building, tolerance, self-esteem and multicultural celebration.

Sanchez is scheduled to perform interactive, musical storytelling programs from Nov. 13-19 at 12 public libraries on Maui, Molokai and Oahu: Nov. 13: 1:30 p.m. at Lahaina, 6:30 p.m. at Wai'anapanapa; Nov. 14: 10 a.m. at Wailuku, 3 p.m. at Kaunakakai; Nov. 15: 10 a.m. at Aiea, 6:30 p.m. at Makawao; Nov. 16: 1:30 p.m. at Kihei, 3 p.m. at Lahaina; Nov. 17: 10:30 a.m. at Ha'iku, 6:30 p.m. at Kula; Nov. 18: 12:30 p.m. at Ho'olei, 6:30 p.m. at Hana; Nov. 19: 10:30 a.m. at Paia; Nov. 20: 11 a.m. at Wailuku, 6:30 p.m. at Makawao; Nov. 21: 10 a.m. at Kahului, 6:30 p.m. at Wailuku.

Sanchez is scheduled to perform various programs from Nov. 13-18 at 11 Oahu public libraries: Nov. 13: 12:30 p.m. at Wahiawa, 6:30 p.m. at Pearl City; Nov. 14: 12:45 p.m. at Kahului, 3:30 p.m. at Waipahu; Nov. 15: 10 a.m. at Waialua, 3 p.m. at Mililani; Nov. 16, 3 p.m. at Ewa Beach; Nov. 17: 10:30 a.m. at Aina Haina, 2 p.m. at Manoa; and Nov. 18: 2:30 p.m. at Kaneohe.

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Mark Your Calendars

Nov. 10-12 – Veterans Day holiday, all libraries closed. Visit www.libraryshawaii.org for your local library’s public service hours. Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving Day holiday, all libraries closed. For public service hours, visit www.libraryshawaii.org or call your local library.
Don't Forget Your Library Card!

T ak e y our “buddy” card with you every time you visit your local public library. With a valid Hawaii State Public Library System library card you can borrow materials, use the Internet and over 60 online databases, check your e-mail, and use reference materials. Please remember, your library card must be presented in order to use these services.

Once you have obtained a library card, it is valid for five years and can be reactivated at no charge by filling out an easy application form. Please notify library staff if you have a change of address or phone number. It is also your responsibility to inform the library staff as soon as possible if your card is lost or stolen. You may be held responsible for materials borrowed with a lost or stolen card.

First-time library cards are free for Hawaii residents. Replacement cards for residents are $10.00 for adults, $5.00 for minors (below 18 years of age). Non-residents may obtain a visitor’s card for $10.00, valid for three months, or a five-year card for $25.00.

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Fuji-Babb and Shiroma will be featured in McDermot in Motion: Bringing to Life the Picture Book Art of Gerald McDermott, a special performance showcasing the works of this Caldecott Award-winning author. They will present a unique storytelling experience, enhanced with masks and dance, of three of McDermott’s picture books – Anansi the Spider: A Tale from the Ashanti, Coy, and The Stonemason at four public libraries on Oahu, the Big Island, and Kauai, Nov. 13-20: Nov. 13, 5:30 p.m. at Salt Lake-Monahau; Nov. 16, 10 a.m. at Lihue; Nov. 17, 10:30 a.m. at Princeville; and Nov. 20, 3 p.m. at Kaalaekua.

Sesame Street. By David Del Russo

I’m your buddy, take me with you to the library!

The Joy Luck Club

What Page Are You On?

By Paul B. Mark

In celebration of The Big Read in Hawaii, the Hawaii State Public Library System will host free cultural and book discussion programs related to the book that all participating Hawaii readers are reading – Amy Tan’s bestselling novel The Joy Luck Club in November.

The Joy Luck Club was a heartwarming tale of love and the constant struggle to adapt in order to keep that love alive, as told through the words and lives of four Chinese immigrant mothers and their very Westernized daughters.

The Hawaii State Library’s Language, Literature, and History Section is currently hosting special guest readers along with librarians who will read aloud portions of The Joy Luck Club on successive Wednesdays, from noon to 1 p.m. on Nov. 7, Nov. 14, and Nov. 21. Mrs. Vivian Aiona, wife of Lt. Gov. James Aiona, will be a special guest reader of the Joy Luck Club. Adult Story Program, sharing the spotlight with Byrde Cestare, Executive Director, Friends of the Library of Hawaii, in reading aloud portions of The Joy Luck Club on Nov. 14.

Other special guest readers in November will include: Nov. 7, Beverly Rice, Education Member Dr. Lei Ahu Isa; and Nov. 21, Noe Tanigawa, Hawaii Public Radio’s Arts and Culture Reporter. On Nov. 21, the entire novel will be read aloud to participants. More information: call 586-3499.

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Got culture? Check out these Chinese cultural programs:

• Puong! Kong! Mok! Say! Learn to Play the Chinese Tile Game with Nance Chang – Nov. 6 - 7, 5 p.m. at Hilo Public Library, Chang, UH-Hilo CCCEC’s Oregon-USA Learning Institute Coordinator, who has been playing Mah Jong since his youth, will teach you how to play. Join and ages and all are welcome to attend. More information: call 933-8888.

• Chinese Lion Dance – Nov. 7, 6 p.m. at Waipahu Public Library, C.O. “Andy” Anderson Room, Nov. 15, 6:30 p.m. at Wahiawa Public Library, Library of Hawaii’s new Dinosaur, Smokey the Dino, who is no longer a dino (Gr. 1-3) Boo is followed home by a dinosaur only she can see, and begs her parents to let her keep it. Her parents agree to this new imaginary friend, but Boo’s big brother Sammy is not so sure the dino is “imaginary.”

Isabelle Barkoff

I t’s no secret that the holidays are a busy time of year, but we hope that you and your family will enjoy the following programs that the Public Library System of Hawaii has planned for you. Whether you are looking for new friends by showing others how to fly away, she makes new friends by showing others how to fold origami animals.

Dave Horowitz

THE UGLY PUMPKIN

(U. Gr. 2)

The strange-looking Ugly Pumpkin is sad because no one takes him home for Halloween, but when Thanksgiving rolls around, he discovers where he truly belongs.

Grace Lin

LISSSY’S FRIENDSHIP

(Pre-K - Gr. 2)

Lissy, the new girl at school, makes origami friends to keep her company. When these colorful paper friends fly away, she makes new friends by showing others how to fold origami animals.