American Indian History Online
By Vicki Dowarkin, Children’s Librarian, Hawaii State Library-Edua Ali’I Room
Are you curious about dances performed at powwows? Do you have a school project on notable Native Americans? Are you interested in the repatriation of indigenous cultural artifacts? American Indian History Online can help you get started.

American Indian History Online is available 24/7 from your home through the Hawaii State Public Library System website, http://www.librarieshawaii.org. Click on “Other Databases,” scroll down and select “American Indian History Online.” In order to gain access, a valid library card will be needed.

To search by specific word or phrase, choose your terms wisely. “Dance” is very broad. You will see a phrase, choose your terms wisely.

To enter, readers must write a personal letter to an author, explaining how his or her work changed their view of the world or themselves. They may select authors from any genre – fiction or non-fiction, contemporary or classic. Authors and the stories that they tell.

A good portion of this year’s tax refund donations will be used to buy high demand children’s books.

The winning Hawaii essayists will be featured in the Library of Congress, in part to support the Hawaii State Public Library System Special Fund. The state Dept. of Taxation collected and tabulated the funds, and presented it to the state library system. It is published monthly by the Hawaii Center for the Book (808) 586-5555.

The Hawaii Center for the Book invites young readers to write a letter to their favorite author, and enter the 2007 Letters About Literature contest. To enter, readers must write a personal letter to an author, explaining how his or her work changed their view of the world or themselves. They may select authors from any genre – fiction or non-fiction, contemporary or classic. Authors may be from any time period and from any country.

Letters About Literature, an essay contest for readers in grades 4 through 12, is sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, in partnership with Target Stores.

Spookers & Haunters at six public libraries: Oct. 13, Hawaii Kai at 10:30 a.m.; Oct. 16, Salt Lake-Maunaloa at 5:30 p.m.; Oct. 17, Wai‘anae at 10 a.m., Kahului at 12:45 p.m.; Oct. 18, Kihei at 3 p.m.; and on Oct. 20, Kailua-Kona at 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate Teen Read Week @ your library!

By Paul H. Mark

Hawaii State Public Library System

Celebrate Teen Read Week 2007 (Oct. 14-20), the Hawaii State Public Library System is scheduled to feature noted storytellers, a weaponary and costume expert and a cartoonist at selected libraries statewide. Admission is free.

The performers are: Alton Chung, an award-winning storyteller and former Oahu resident, Lyn Ford, a nationally-renowned Ohio storyteller; award-winning Arizona storyteller Sean Bubula; local storytellers Darnell Seki and Jeff Gere; Greywolf, a professional medi- eval armorist; and cartoonist Dave Thorne.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, the UH-Manoa Outreach College’s Statewide Cultural Extension Program, State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Alliance for Culture and the Arts, these programs are recommended for ages 12 to adults.

HSLPS Receives $85,232 in Tax Refund Donations

Thousands of Hawaii taxpayers demonstrated their support of public libraries during the first half of 2007 by donating a total of $85,232 to the Hawaii State Public Library System.

This was made possible when they donated a portion of their 2006 tax refunds to the Library System Special Fund. The state Dept. of Taxation collected and tabulated the funds, and presented it to the state library system.

"We would like to say mahalo nui loa to all for their overwhelming show of support for our public libraries," said State Librarian Jo Ann Schindler. A good portion of this year’s tax refund donations will be used to buy high demand children’s books.

By John R. Penebacker, first vice chairperson; Dr. Eileen Clarke, second vice chairperson; Breene Harimoto, 1st vice chairperson; David Schmitz, 2nd vice chairperson; Denise Matsumoto, chairperson; Dr. Lei Ahu Isa, 1st vice chairperson; Kim Coco Iwamoto, student representative; Steve Seki, who is also a stage and screen actor, has been a featured performer in Hawaii’s public libraries. As an actor, he has appeared in most of the television shows filmed in Hawaii, numerous local commercials, and on stage at many of the local theaters. Seki will perform “Obuke Tales” at two libraries: Oct. 15, Ewa Beach at 3 p.m. and See Teen Read Week, page 2

"Letters About Literature" Call for Entries

By David Thorne

American Indian Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) is in Related Primary Sources.

The content of American Indian History Online, designed for student research, comes mostly from the full text of sources published by Facts on File and their subsidiary, Chelsea House. Entries in the Primary Source and Images categories are older materials, not covered by copyright, or government documents. Although limited, there is much to discover in this database.

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Next Month: WebFeat Express

Holo I Mua
on Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m. at Wailuku.

Greywolf is a Native American with over 10 years of experience in weapons smithery. He will display and discuss weapons and clothing from Eastern Asia during the Middle Ages. Greywolf will perform Middle Ages: Weapons and Costumes of Eastern Asia on Oct. 20, noon at the Hawaii State Library, First Floor Reading Room.

Thorne will present a fascinating lecture/demonstration on cartooning. Be entertained by Dave as he demonstrates his humorous drawings. See The Art of Cartooning on Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m. at Mililani.

Call the hosting library two weeks in advance if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed. Program schedules are subject to change.

For a complete listing of 2007 Teen Read Week programs, visit: www.li- brarieshawaii.org and under “Programs” click on “Teens.”

NewTeenTitles

By Jan Kamiya, Young Adult Librarian, Manoa Public Library

Gail Giles

WHAT HAPPENED TO CASS MCBRIDE? (Gr. 8-12) Cass McBride knows she is manipulative and ruthless - the girl who always gets what she wants and doesn’t care who she steps on to obtain her goal. Then she crosses the wrong person. Who would hate Cass enough to actually kidnap and bury her alive?

Mark Peter Hughes

LEMONADE MOUTH (Gr. 9-12) In this journal-style format, the six band members of the hottest band Lemonade Mouth tell the story of how they rocked the foundations of their high school by sparking a protest at the Halloween Bash. As punishment, Lemonade Mouth is banned from entering the school. How can our two main characters, Cass and Jane, cause triumph over the powers that be?

Cecil Castellucci and Jim Bagg

THE PLAIN JANES (Gr. 9-12) After a terrorist attack in the city, Jane unwillingly moves to suburbia and questions her former life as an “it” girl. She alters her look and chooses to share her company with three “nobodyes” – all named Jane – in her new high school. Jane rallies them to form a secret operation called P.L.A.I.N.

Rose Kent

KIMCHI AND CALAMARI (Gr. 6-8) Adopted as a baby from Korea by her proud Italian family, 14-year-old Joseph Calderaro has never had a problem with his identity. He has a great life, a neat best friend, and a family who loves him. When a class assignment requires him to research his family ancestry, which ethnicity does he choose - Italian or Korean? How deep is Joseph willing to dig to find his roots?

Catherine Gilbert Murdock

THE OFF SEASON (Gr. 7-12) In this sequel to Murdock’s “Dairy Queen,” linebacker D.J. Schenck is back but injures her shoulder and has to sit out the football season to heal and to concentrate on a basketball college scholarship; she thinks nothing can get worse. But then an unexpected tragedy strikes her family and D.J. discovers how strong she can really be when times get tough.

John Grandits

BLUE LIPSTICK: CONCRETE POEMS (Gr. 7-10) Concrete poetry is the art of using words to create images and patterns to illustrate a poem. In this funny collection, 15-year-old Jesse expresses her innermost thoughts on the fun and stresses of teen life; from irritating cutsey cheerleaders to stupid questions grown-ups ask teens, and worst of all – annoying little brothers!

SAM @ your library

By Paul H. Mark

SAM is up and running! SAM (Smart Access Manager), a web-based Internet scheduling and print management software product, is now available in all 51 public libraries statewide.

SAM will allow users to reserve and register for Internet sessions and provides maximum use of public Internet computers and maximum number of different Internet users.

This new procedure for Internet services enhances customer privacy, minimizes reservation and registration workload for library staff and provides cost recovery printing capability for users. Users may reduce costs for printing by emailing articles to themselves or by saving search results to portable storage devices.

To use SAM, you will need a valid library card in order to reserve and register for the Internet. There are three ways to make a reservation to use a public Internet computer: 1) link to the SAM reservation page on all library public access computers; 2) make a future reservation during an in-library Internet session; or 3) access the reservations page using a non-library computer with Internet access.

Customers are allowed one reservation per 7-day period (Sunday through Saturday system-wide). Walk-in users may use Internet stations during the remaining time between reserved sessions.

To find out the location of SAM-designated computers at your local library, visit the HSPLS Home Page (www.library.hawaii.org) and click on “PC Reservations.” Give SAM a try, you’ll be glad you did!

Syvia Mitchell, Li’iha Public Library Manager, was recently honored as the recipient of the “Spirit of Li’iha” Civic Award at the annual “I Love Li’iha” Town Festival. Gov. Linda Lingle presented the award to Mitchell, who was nominated by state Rep. Corinne Ching. “In my 75 years I have won a few awards, but they all fade away when compared to the honor of being named ‘Li’iha.’ The “Spirit of Li’iha” award is on display in the library’s lobby.