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Hawaii State Public Library System

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HSPLS Awarded \$1.1 Million IMLS Federal Grant

The Hawaii State Public Library System is the recipient of a \$1.1 million federal grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).



Each year, the IMLS distributes these funds through state library agencies across the Nation, as part of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). In turn, the states provide at least \$1.00 for every \$2.00 of federal support.

"We anticipate using these funds to pay for continuing access to online databases and for recurring network costs, in accordance with our 2008-2012 LSTA Five Year Plan," said State Librarian Richard Burns.

Recent Donation to HSPLS

Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped: \$1,000 from Hawaii Association of the Blind in celebration of their 40th Anniversary

To make a monetary donation to the Hawaii State Public Library System or to any of our branches, please contact the library of your choice or Byrde Cestare, Executive Director, Friends of the Library of Hawaii at 536-4174 or email: byrde@friendsofthelibrary.org.

Celebrate National Library Week @ your Hawaii library

By Paul H. Mark

National Library Week – a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide – is the perfect time to discover how you can join the Circle of Knowledge @ your library.

The 50th Anniversary of National Library Week will be from April 13-19, and public libraries statewide are scheduled to host special free programs throughout the month in celebration. Each year the American Library Association selects the theme for this special week, and for 2008 they have chosen "Join the Circle of Knowledge @ your library."

Patrick Ball, one of the world's premier Celtic harp players and a highly-acclaimed storyteller in the Celtic tradition, and **The Muses**, a Celtic musical group from Colorado, will be featured performers at selected public libraries statewide, April 12-22.

Ball, a native Californian, artistically blends the exquisite sound of the rare, wire-strung Celtic harp with his intriguing tales of Ireland. He has recorded nine instrumental and three spoken word albums, which have sold well over one half million copies internationally. Ball has won national awards in both music and spoken word categories.

The Muses - **Tanya Brody**, **Matthew Gurnsey** and **Lindsay Jensen** - play an orchestra of exotic instruments such as the bohran, concertina, harp, hammered dulcimer, psaltery, pennywhistle, flute, and zil. This trio adds new life to old songs and includes original material to enhance the Celtic repertoire.

You won't want to miss "Celtic Tales with Patrick Ball" and The Muses' "Celtic Music with Zing!" Both of these 45-minute programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, and the UH-Manoa Outreach College, Statewide Cultural Extension Program, and are recommended for ages 5 through adult. Program schedules are subject to change.

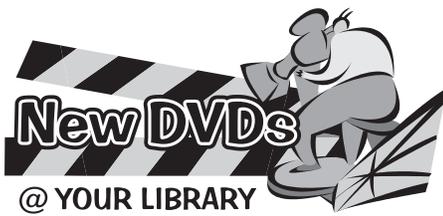
Call the hosting library as soon as possible if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed. For a current listing of these and other National Library Week 2008 programs, visit the HSPLS website: www.librarieshawaii.org. You may also call your local library to find out what programs they will offer.



Patrick Ball



The Muses - Lindsay Jensen, Tanya Brody, and Matthew Gurnsey



By Sally Walstrum, Librarian, Hawaii State Library
— Art, Music, Recreation Section

AMAZING GRACE

The inspiring story of William Wilberforce and his perseverance to pass a law that ended the slave trade. Several friends, including Wilberforce's minister, a reformed slave ship captain who penned the beloved hymn "Amazing Grace," urge him to see the cause through.



GUITAR PLAYING HAWAIIAN STYLE WITH OZZIE KOTANI

Slack key artist Ozzie Kotani reveals how he plays the unique Hawaiian guitar style known as *ki hoalu* or slack key. Ozzie demonstrates the fundamentals of the folk tradition in the Taro Patch Tuning, offering extensive hints, options and suggestions.



LA VIE EN ROSE

Award-winner Marion Cotillard stars in this critically-acclaimed biopic about the legendary international singing icon Edith Piaf. Piaf's tragic life was a constant battle to sing and survive, to live and love, with no regrets.



NEW ORLEANS, MUSIC IN EXILE

In the weeks and months following the Hurricane Katrina disaster, filmmaker Robert Mudge captured the shock,



sorrow, and courage of New Orleans musicians as they struggled to return to their homes, rebuild their careers, and revive their devastated community.

PIXAR SHORT FILMS COLLECTION, VOLUME 1

PIXAR's unprecedented string of hit animated features was built on the short films in this collection. A total of 13 spectacular Pixar shorts are featured, including Oscar winners "Tin Toy" (1988); "Geri's Game" (1997); and "For the Birds" (2000).



Essay Contest Winners Chosen

The state winners of the fifth annual Letters about Literature essay contest will be honored at the Hawaii Center for the Book's Award ceremony at the Hawaii State Library on Saturday, April 19. The public is invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. ceremony to meet the State winners and runners-up.

Sarah Jenkins, a 5th grader at Akaula School on Molokai, **Ben White**, a 7th grader at Le Jardin Academy, and **Roy Franco**, an 11th grader at Kamehameha Schools, will read aloud their winning essays in the library's main lobby. A reception in the courtyard will follow.

The three winners will receive cash prizes and Target gift cards. They were selected from 61 state semifinalists in the national contest, which is sponsored by the Center for the Book of the Library of Congress and Target stores. Entrants wrote a personal letter to an author explaining how his or her book affected the student's perception of life.

Students competed in three levels: Level I for children in grades 4 through 6, Level II for grades 7 and 8, and Level III for grades 9 through 12. Hawaii's winning entries will be sent to the national competition in Washington, D.C., which will be held in May.

Get Questions Answered Online

By Susan Nakata

Ask A Librarian Email Reference Service, or eRef, is now available to patrons of the Hawaii State Public Library System. Questions from out of state are also welcome. eRef enables you to contact library staff online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can expect a response within 48 hours, excluding weekends and holidays.

eRef is designed to answer brief, factual questions, or to provide suggestions to help you find answers to your questions. For detailed questions requiring significant research and assistance, please call the Telephone Reference Section at the Hawaii State Library at 808-586-3617 during business hours, or visit your local public library.

Log on to the HSPLS website, www.librarieshawaii.org and locate the Ask A Librarian tab. Select "eReference" from the menu options and follow the simple instructions.



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