Maximize the Library’s Collections and Resources

Have you checked out the library’s E-Databases, and E-Book, digital audiobook and music? Use your library card, to access these free electronic resources available through the Hawaii State Public Library System’s website: www.librarieshawaii.org. Funding for these electronic resources is provided by the Federal Library Services and Technology Act, and is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Click on “Catalog” and access:

- e-databases (electronic subscriptions) with full text articles on an array of subjects for all ages. Students can find authoritative and current articles for research projects in the areas of history, science, biographies, literature, current events, countries, and American Indians. Adults can access important medical, business, auto repair and genealogical information, and much more.
- e-books, audiobooks and music are available through OverDrive/Digital Library Reserve. Learn how to download e-books or digital audiobooks and music to your computer, iPod or other digital storage device at this website: http://hawaii.lib.overdrive.com where you will find easy to follow instructions on how to download the digital materials.

Press for time and need to pick up books for school assignments? Check out the library catalog via the website to see what’s available, then, call your local library and speak to a member of the reference staff. Be specific—provide a description of the assignment, your age or grade and the number of books you would like to pick up. Remember—the library may also have appropriate DVDs on science, literature, and other school topics, so do check out their collection as well. The reference staff will do their best to select appropriate materials for you in advance and have them ready for your pick up. Libraries also offer middle and high school students a wide variety of current fiction and non-fiction books and DVDs, including required reading in classical literature, career and college preparation study guides, and testing booklets.

Looking for enriching and free children’s activities? Many libraries will be hosting “Fall Programs” with special storytellers, sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii. (see the “Storytellers” news article on page 1). In addition, parents and caregivers of toddler and preschool children are invited to visit a weekly storytime at their local library. A listing can be found on the library website; click on “Services” and then access “Programs and Events;” finally, click on “Children’s Storytimes” to view a schedule of storytimes. Call the library in advance for more information. The Children’s non-fiction sections offer great ideas and materials on a wide variety of child-friendly and holiday activities including arts and crafts, cooking, music, recreation, drama and dance.

Attention: Road Runner E-mail Account Patrons

If you registered to receive HSPLS e-mail notices through a Hawaii Road Runner e-mail account and have not been receiving notices, please check your account settings: 1) Log in to your Hawaii Road Runner e-mail account; 2) go to “Settings;” 3) under “Customize mailbox options,” click on “Enable blocking,” select the radio button “Advance Block senders.” 5) The cursor should automatically place you in the “Allowed Senders and Domains” box. Please type e-mail notifications @librarieshawaii.org in the box. 6) Scroll down and click “OK” to complete the process.

“The Hawaii State Public Library System does not intend to use e-mail as a means of communication,” said State Librarian Richard Burns. “We have made this exception to minimize any inconvenience to our Road Runner patrons who use the e-mail notification service.”

To receive e-mail notices instead of post card notices for requested and overdue items, patrons may visit any public library, present their valid library card and PIN, and staff will start the notification process. Besides being environmentally-friendly, patrons who switch to e-mail notification will receive notices sooner than those that are sent via U.S. mail. The e-mail notification system is expected to significantly reduce HSPLS paper and postage expenses.
Recommended Children’s Books

By Myri LePape, Children’s Librarian, Kaimuki Public Library

To get kēki in the mood, here are some new Halloween stories:

Mary Downing Hahn
ALL THE LOVELY BAD ONES
(GR. 4-7) While spending the summer at their grandmother’s Vermont inn, two prankster siblings awaken young ghosts from the inn’s distant past that refuse to “rest in peace.” (2010 Nene Award nominee)

Helen Lester
TACKY GOES TO CAMP
(Gr. 3-6) Readers can see why Tacky the Penguin (one of the most beloved children’s characters) is a hit in this new story. Tacky and his friends go to Camp Whoopihaha and his friends go to Tacky the penguin (Preschool-Gr. 2)

Kazuno Kohara
GHOSTS IN THE HOUSE
(Preschool-Gr. 1) Tired of living in a haunted house, a young witch captures washes, and turns her pesky ghosts into curtains and a tablecloth.

Helen Lester
Tacky Goes to Camp
(Preschool-Gr. 2) Tacky the penguin and his friends go to Camp Whoopihaha where they scare each other by telling ghost stories around the campfire, never expecting that one of the stories will come true.

Update: Library Fundraisers

The “Keep Your Library Open!” fund-raising campaign launched jointly with the Friends of the Library of Hawai‘i’s “Keep the Doors Open” campaign on September 2 have generated more than $130,000 in monetary donations to date. The fund-raising campaigns were initiated in response to unprecedented budget restrictions that threaten to close public libraries during the current economic crisis. While the two donation campaigns are off to a successful start, the need for community support in raising funds for Hawai‘i’s public libraries continues. Patrons are invited to make a tax-deductible monetary donation to their local library – checks may be made payable to the Hawai‘i State Public Library System, designating the local library on the check memo line. The contributions will be used to support the operations of the Hawai‘i State Public Library System such as purchasing library materials, providing funds for core services and programs, and for operational expenses. Donations may also be mailed to: Office of the State Librarian, Administrative Services Branch, 44 Merchant Street, Honolulu, HI 96813.

Collection totals are posted on the HSPLS website: www.libraries.hawaii.org. The Friends of the Library of Hawai‘i is able to accept credit card donations to their “Keep the Doors Open” campaign either over the phone or at their website, www.friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org, which also updates donation totals regularly.

FLH Booksale Collects $168,000 for Libraries

The 62nd Annual Friends of the Library of Hawai‘i Booksale, conducted June 20-28 at McKinley High School Cafeteria, raised more than $168,000. Sale proceeds benefit the Hawai‘i State Public Library System by providing public libraries and staff with books, equipment, performance programs and continuing education grants. Mahalo nui loa!

Waltz with Bashir
(In Hebrew with English subtitles) Ari cannot recall the time that he spent on an Israeli Army mission and attempts to unravel the mystery by traveling the world to interview old friends and comrades. As the pieces of the puzzle begin to fall into place, his memory begins to return in illustrations that are surreal.

Dorrit “Little Dorrit,” the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Masterpiece Classic that won seven Emmy awards last month, is a compelling drama about a 21-year-old seamstress, and is based on a Charles Dickens novel.

OAHU STILL GET FISH
Observe Kevin Sakuda, Hammerhead Spear-guns’ proprietor, use his “snaky puhi” technique; see Kurt Chambers stoning ukus at 100 feet, and learn the secrets that make Dave Sakoda so deadly on the reef.

RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN
Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson stars as Las Vegas cab driver Jack Brann who encounters two teens with supernatural powers, and finds himself in an adventure on Witch Mountain, known for unexplained phenomena and strange sightings.

Waltz with Bashir

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 Celebrate Teen Read Week 2009

Hawai‘i’s public libraries will celebrate Teen Read Week, an annual literacy initiative created by the American Library Association for teens, their parents, librarians, educators, booksellers and other concerned adults, during the month of October 2009. Libraries statewide will host special free programs focusing on this year’s theme – “Read Beyond Reality @ your library.” which encourages teens to read something out of this world, just for the fun of it, including books with subjects such as sci-fi, fantasy, and virtual realities.

The Friends of the Library of Hawai‘i and the UH-Manoa Outreach College’s Statewide Cultural Extension Program are sponsoring these programs which are recommended for ages 12 and older. For more information, visit the HSPLS website: www.librarieshawaii.org.

Call the hosting library two weeks in advance (three weeks in advance for Neighbor Island libraries) if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed. Program schedules are subject to change.

Employee-Team Award Winners from front page

books for their collections. Each year, the Children’s Science Book Project Team sends letters to the top children’s publishers asking for complimentary review copies of their latest science trade books for children. Readers then vote for their favorite titles and enters each book received; develops an annotated bibliography, arranged by subject, of all titles received that year and distributes 1,000 copies statewide in varying quantities to each public library.

In addition, the Team presents an opening exhibit of that year’s titles at the Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library for a six-week period, and also develops a traveling exhibit of that year’s titles available to any public library in the state.

The Project has saved the HSPLS materials budget more than $26,000 over five years; distributed 4,000 “Children’s Science Book Project Bibliographies” which are used by parents, teachers and librarians to select the highest quality books for their children; displayed the Children’s Science Book Project annual exhibit statewide at four public libraries each year (six-to-eight weeks per library), including two on Maui and two on the Big Island, thereby sharing resources and building circulation, especially in smaller, rural libraries with limited funding for buying library materials.

HSPLS is a stronger system with better collections as a result of the Children’s Science Book Project Team.

Staff members who earned the Sustained Superior Performance Awards for this year are Colleen Kainuma, Library Technician in the Hawai‘i State Library-Hawai‘i Documents Section, and Don Chambers, Jr., Library Technician at Mililani Public Library.

The above recipients will represent HSPLS in the 2009 Governor’s Award Ceremony scheduled for October 15 at the State Capitol Auditorium.

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