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No Library Furlough Days in July

The Hawaii State Public Library System will not have any Furlough Days in July 2010. All public libraries and administrative offices will be open during normal hours of operation.

New Library Rule Changes Begin on August 5

Public Libraries in Hawaii will begin implementing changes to the Hawaii State Public Library System’s Administrative Rules on August 5. The Board of Education (BOE) voted unanimously to approve these rule changes during their April 15, 2010 General Business Meeting.

The current Administrative Rule changes were first proposed to the Board in June 2007. The HSPLS, Hawaii and the nation have changed considerably since then so it was a top priority to update and revise the Administrative Rules that govern our Libraries. The Administrative Rules were last revised in 1999.

Among the major rule changes that will affect library customers are:

• Overdue Fines. A uniform fine of 25 cents per item per day for all ages; maximum fine per item $7.50. Parents are advised that this change will increase the fine for juveniles (17 years and under); currently juvenile fines are up to 15 cents per item per day with a maximum fine per item of $4.50.

• DVD/Video Overdue Fines. Overdue fine will decrease to 25 cents per DVD/Video per day; current fine is $1.00 per DVD/Video per day.

• Library Card. A new library card application-renewal form will advise parents and guardians that they will be held financially responsible for any fines, fees or charges incurred by a minor or legally-incapacitated individual whose library card application they are signing. In addition, a new library card informational brochure will be provided to each applicant, and there will be specific identification requirements for registration.

• Replacement Card. Hawaii Resident/Military: this change will decrease the cost for adults from $10 to $5.

Other major rule changes that are scheduled to be implemented in a few months are:

• 15 cents per page charge for all public printing, including copies made on microform printers, and computer printers including Internet and public access catalog stations.


Mark Your Calendars

July 3-5 – Independence Day Holiday; most libraries will be closed.
August 20 – Statehood Day Holiday; all libraries will be closed.

Visit http://www.libraryshawaii.org for public service hours or call your local library.

August 15 – Deadline for Nominations: 2010 Public Librarian of the Year and Excellence in Service Award. Nomination forms are available at all Hawaii public libraries. Public libraries and administrative offices will be open during normal hours of operation.

Jake Shimabukuro shows why “Music is Good Medicine”

Jake Shimabukuro, from front page

Jake Shimabukuro, who remembers using the McCully-Moiliili Public Library as a child. “After awhile I got tired of playing it over and over and again so I began to improvise,” he laughed.

Shimabukuro is internationally-renowned for his lightning-fast fingers and revolutionary playing techniques. Playing jazz, funk, classical, bluegrass, folk, flamenco, and rock music, Shimabukuro has demonstrated that the ukulele is capable of much more than just traditional Hawaiian music. Shimabukuro personifies the ultimate musician who plays his “heart and soul” into every song that is played. He displayed his ukulele prowess and versatility by performing one of his favorite Beatles’ songs “In My Life,” Beethoven’s “Moonlight Sonata,” Carlos Montoya’s “Let’s Dance,” his original compositions, and concluded the program by playing George Harrison’s “While My Guitar Gently Weeps.”

As the key spokesperson-artist for Music is Good Medicine (www.musicisgoodmedicine.org), a non-profit organization, Shimabukuro visits public libraries, schools, and community agencies to share information and play his music for the children of Hawaii, with the intent of inspiring thousands to channel their energy into learning about and playing music.

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Nominations for Public Librarian-Staff Awards due August 15

Do you know a librarian or library support staff member who provides outstanding service? Nominate that person for the 2010 Public Librarian of the Year Award or 2010 Excellence in Service Award!

The Friends of the Library of Hawaii and Native Books/Na Mea Hawaii co-sponsor this annual event which honors a librarian and library support staff member for their outstanding contributions to the Hawaii State Public Library System and its patrons.

The winners will be honored at a public reception at the Hawaii State Public Library, and receive personal awards as well as cash awards for their respective public libraries. The deadline for nominations is August 15, 2010. Nomination forms are available at all Hawaii public libraries. For more information, email the Friends of the Library of Hawaii at friends@friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org or call 536-4174.

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Yale Women’s Singing Group Performs at State Library

Whim ‘n Rhythm, Yale University’s world-renowned senior women’s a cappella ensemble, kicked off its 2010 World Tour in Honolulu recently by presenting a free concert at the Hawaii State Library. An audience of nearly 100 people experienced a cappella (without instrumental accompaniment) music at its finest from the nation’s premier undergraduate female a cappella group.

On the day of the concert, the ensemble made a television appearance on the KHON2 Wake up 2Day Show and performed for Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hanneman, who honored the group and proclaimed it to be “Whim ‘n Rhythm Day.”

The ensemble of 12 talented young women, led by Musical Director Al Lyons Lieberman, wore black dresses, matching high-heeled shoes and fragrant yellow plumeria lei as they opened the concert with “Shakin’ the Tree,” a song of songs ranging from upbeat jazz standards (“Someone to Watch Over Me”), classic show tunes (“Lady is a Tramp”), contemporary pop favorites (“You’re No Good”), Linda Ronstadt’s first #1 single), traditional ballads (“Somewhere Over the Rainbow”) and others. Local girl Jakara Mato, a graduate of Iolani School in Honolulu, offered a soulful rendition of “Chain of Fools,” Aretha Franklin’s #1 hit song.

Whim ‘n Rhythm, a non-profit organization, has been performing throughout the world for the past three decades. The group was founded in 1981 by seven Yale women’s a cappella group. For more information about Whim ‘n Rhythm, please visit http://www.yale.edu/whim/index.html.