Irish Storyteller, from front page concluded a very entertaining event by playing some Irish songs on his flute.

De Burca, a native of the west coast of Ireland, is a familiar face to Irish children through his performances in theatre, festivals and on television. He is passionate about inspiring youngsters through storytelling and in recent years, directed two CD projects where young Irish children researched and performed traditional tales and rhymes.

Performances by Niall de Burca were sponsored through a generous grant from the Friends of the Library of Hawaii and their corporate sponsors.

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Niall de Burca, one of Ireland’s finest traditional tale spinners, and a featured artist of the 2011 Hawaii State Public Library System Children’s Summer Reading Program, performed “Irish Folk Tales” before more than 750 people at 14 selected libraries statewide from June 25 through July 1. Niall (pronounced like “Neil”) kicked off the highly-successful performance tour at Aina Haina Public Library June 25 before a captivated audience of more than 80 people, ranging in age from keiki to kupuna. Renowned for his unique storytelling style, de Burca shared Irish stories with great charm, judgment, lots of humor, and superb timing. Children giggled with delight and adults howled with laughter.

During a lively 45-minute performance, de Burca taught audience members a few Irish words and phrases, encouraged active participation through hand clapping, “running in place,” and gesturing for audience members a few Irish words and phrases, encouraged active participation through hand clapping, “running in place,” and gesturing for

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Recommended Children’s Books

These new titles are excellent illustrations of this month’s “green” theme:

Naomi Kleinberg
GROUCHES ARE GREEN
(Infant-Preschool)
Oscar the Grouch shows his Sesame Street friends how to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

Mercer Mayer
A GREEN, GREEN GARDEN
(Gr.1-2)
Little Critter learns that planting his own garden is a lot of fun and a lot of work.

Linda Glaser
GARBAGE HELPS OUR GARDEN
GROW: A COMPOST STORY
(Kindergarten - Gr. 3)
Children and parents work together to plant and harvest deliciously healthy fruits and vegetables throughout the process of composting.

Courtney Farrell
BUILD IT GREEN
(Gr. 4-7)
This book introduces concepts of eco-friendly architecture with specific examples - from adobe houses to Earthships - while discussing the large impact that small home energy-saving adjustments, such as water-conserving toilets, can make.

Online Databases Provide Wealth of Information for Research Projects

It’s back to school time for children and teens! Parents, did you know the HSPLS online databases can provide a wealth of helpful information for your children’s research projects?

The databases, provided through Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding and administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, are available through our website (http://www.libraryshawaii.org) or through the databases which can be accessed using your library barcode number and PIN (last four digits of phone number).

What makes our online databases the preferred choice of parents and students? The HSPLS databases are more authoritative than websites that have not undergone an editorial review process, and are subject-specific, making it easier to find the relevant information you need. In addition, the databases may contain full-text information which you can print, download, or email to yourself, and results can be sorted by source type. This database includes coverage of current events, health, careers and a broad range of other topics.

Kids Search (Gr. K-5):
Search by keyword or topic in sources such as the American Heritage Children’s Dictionary, Funk & Wagnalls New World Dictionary, and Jolene Miyaji (Wahiawa Public Library). This database is the preferred choice of parents and students.

Database Options:
• Search as many databases at one time.
• Enter your library barcode number and PIN (last four digits of phone number).
• Browsing and searching is easy.
• Results can be sorted by source type. This database includes coverage of current events, health, careers and a broad range of other topics.

Middle Search Plus (Gr. 6-12):
Provides full text for more than 150 popular magazines for middle school research. Articles are assigned Lexile reading level indicators.

MAS Ultra-School Edition (Gr. 7-12):
Provides full text for more than 550 popular general interest and current events publications with information dating back as far as 1975 for key magazines.

DVs – The Best Deal in Town

Did you know the Hawaii State Public Library System has thousands of DVDs in our collection? We have a wide variety of DVDs ranging from the ever-popular Korean dramas to today’s top movies to family-friendly films for keiki. DVDs can be borrowed for just $1.00 each for a seven-day loan period. It’s the best deal in town!