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century workplace.”

The IT Academy provides access to e-learning, certification preparation, and official Microsoft course materials, which will help users to qualify for and acquire industry-recognized Microsoft Office Specialist, Microsoft Technology Associate or Microsoft Certified Professional certifications. Funding for the Microsoft IT Academy is provided by the Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

The IT Academy is available to Hawaii’s library users via any device that can access the internet using Internet Explorer. In Hawaii, hundreds of thousands of library cardholders will have free, unlimited access to these Microsoft courses, which range from basic computer skills to advanced system architecture and design.

“IT certifications are increasingly recognized as valuable credentials that give young people expanded career opportunities,” said Donald Horner, Chairman of the Hawaii State Board of Education. “The IT Academy ensures patrons equal access to IT training and certification through all libraries across the state regardless of location or economic status.”

The Microsoft IT Academy will expand educational workforce development and lifelong-learning opportunities for all the people of Hawaii. The program will also help students become college and career ready upon graduation from high school, and will improve their abilities to compete in the rapidly evolving modern workplace.

“With the unveiling of the Microsoft IT Academy, we are excited that all our patrons - from keiki to kupuna - will be able to access technology training that has the potential to affect transformational change in Hawaii’s education and

workforce landscape, and is closely aligned with Governor Abercrombie’s New Day Plan, Broadband Initiatives and his emphasis on science, technology, engineering and math education,” said Hawaii State Librarian Richard Burns. “We enthusiastically encourage all our patrons to take full advantage of the Microsoft IT Academy – it will truly benefit everyone who participates.”

Access to the Microsoft IT Academy is available through the HSPLS website: www.librarieshawaii.org. Library patrons with valid library cards can access the courses of their choice by following simple instructions. The courses are accessible at any time in all public libraries, remotely and via mobile devices with authentication. They are self-paced, several sessions in length, and patrons can stop and resume their coursework at their convenience.

Patrons who decide to pursue Microsoft Office Specialist, Microsoft Technology Associate or Microsoft Certified Professional Certifications will have the opportunity to take an exam at an official Microsoft certification site. To access the Microsoft IT Academy, a list of the certification sites, and course curriculum, please visit the library system’s website at www.librarieshawaii.org.

HSPLS will Consolidate its Patron Database

The Hawaii State Public Library System’s patron database will undergo a purge of inactive accounts on December 20.

Removing these accounts will provide an updated, more accurate database for our business and management uses. Inactive accounts are accounts with expired library cards and:

- No borrowed library material in the past three years and

- No outstanding items, charges or fees; and/or

- Whose card holders are former residents who have relocated from Hawaii.

The record of a patron who has not borrowed library material in the past three years or more may be purged. Patrons who visit their local library, present their library card, and discover that their record has been purged can reactivate their card, free-of-charge, by completing a new library card application form and presenting it with their card and valid identification. The database clean-up procedure will not affect currently active library patrons.

Internet computer users who do not borrow materials and only use their library card to access the library system’s Internet stations or subscription databases remotely, may notice that their accounts have been purged. These patrons can reactivate their accounts, free-of-charge, by completing a new application form and presenting it with their card and valid identification at any HSPLS library.



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Hawaii’s Public Libraries Launch Microsoft IT Academy

Public-private partnership provides the world’s first Microsoft IT Academy program available in a statewide public library system

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) and the Microsoft Corporation announced that HSPLS is the first public library system in the world to provide all our patrons with free access to the Microsoft IT Academy and its Digital Literacy Program. Hawaii’s library patrons now have free access to more than 350 Microsoft Certified Technology courses in addition to a multitude of Digital Literacy Resources, all available 24/7/365 through the library system’s website, www.librarieshawaii.org. The Microsoft IT Academy program is the first training program to launch under the HSPLS HI Tech Academy initiative and is expected to reach nearly one million people across the state of Hawaii.

Craig Mundie, Microsoft Chief Research and Strategy Officer; Donald Horner, Chairman of the Hawaii State Board of Education; and Richard Burns, Hawaii State Librarian, announced the kickoff of the HSPLS-Microsoft IT Academy in a news conference on Nov. 10 at the Hawaii State Library.

“The Microsoft IT Academy program includes training and certification in Microsoft products, such as Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word and Microsoft PowerPoint, in addition to advanced subjects such as programming, Web development and database development,” said Craig Mundie, Microsoft Chief Research and Strategy Officer. “The program’s digital literacy resources will equip Hawaii’s library patrons with the technical skills needed to become more employable and successful in the 21st



Participants of the HSPLS-Microsoft IT Academy news conference gathered for a group photo prior to its start: (seated from left) Microsoft’s **Kristin Rhodes** and **Craig Mundie**; Hawaii State Board of Education Chairman **Donald Horner**, **David Pritchard** of Microsoft; (standing from left) **Scott Kennedy** of Microsoft, **Bruce Coppa**, representing Hawaii Gov. Neil Abercrombie; **Sonny Bhagowalia**, Hawaii Chief Information Officer; **Aaron Tanaka** of Honolulu Community College; **Thomas Pollard** of IBM; and Hawaii State Librarian **Richard Burns**.

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Upcoming HSPLS Programs and Events of Interest

Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) will offer something for everyone during the

upcoming 2011 Holiday Season - free programs and events

statewide - ranging from special Holiday-themed Storytimes, Christmas Concerts featuring the Honolulu Handbell Ensemble, Spring Wind Quintet and others, Christmas Ideas demonstration workshops, a Japanese Shakuhachi Bamboo Flute demonstration-performance, to a screening of “The Polar Express.” All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Contact the hosting library as soon as possible if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed.

- **Children’s Storytime**, Fridays, 10 a.m. at **Wahiawa Public Library** (622-6345): December 9, 16, 30; December 23 (Christmas-themed story and craft).
- **“We Ring for the Holidays!”**

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Mark Your Calendars

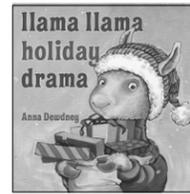
All public libraries will be closed to observe the following holidays; visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call your local library for more information:
Dec. 24-26 - Christmas Day
Dec. 31-Jan. 2 - New Year’s Day

Recommended Children's Books

By Vicky Dworkin & Donna Tokumar, Children's Librarians, Hawaii State Library-Edna Allyn Room for Children

Anna Dewdney LLAMA LLAMA HOLIDAY DRAMA

(Ages 2-5) Overwhelmed by holiday excitement and expectations, Llama Llama has a "Holidrama" meltdown. It's a good thing Mama Llama knows that sometimes we need to take a rest with hugs and kisses and a little quiet time.



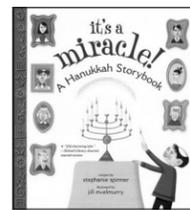
Susan Jeffers THE NUTCRACKER

(Ages 3-8) A good choice for reading to young children prior to attending a holiday performance as it closely resembles what children might see on stage. The story of Balanchine's ballet is told with beautiful detailed illustrations.



Stephanie Spinner IT'S A MIRACLE! A HANUKKAH STORYBOOK

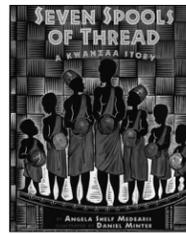
(Ages 5-8) As young Owen celebrates the first year he is allowed to light the Hanukkah candles himself, his grandmother tells him a bedtime story each night. He recognizes that many of the stories are about family members - but what about the alien who saw a menorah in a window?



Angela Shelf Medearis SEVEN SPOOLS OF THREAD: A KWANZAA STORY

(Ages 6-10) In a village in Ghana, a father's last wish is that his seven

quarreling sons learn to create gold from thread without argument "by the time the moon rises" or they will forfeit their inheritance.



Feedback Needed from Online Database Users

State Librarian Richard Burns would like to know what patrons think about the Hawaii State Public Library System's online resources. Please fill out a brief customer satisfaction survey at your local library. Survey results will be used to complete a report about the Federal grant which funds these online resource subscriptions and internet access. It should be fairly easy to complete and take just a few minutes of your time. Mahalo for your kokua!

Cartoonist Wayne Kaneshiro Retires

Wayne Kaneshiro, Library Technician at the Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped (LBPH), is one of several outstanding HSPLS employees who are retiring this year. They have provided HSPLS and Hawaii State Government with many years of loyal and dedicated service. Wayne closed the book at work for the last time on November 30 after a 25-year career with the Hawaii State Public Library System, including the past four years as the Holo I Mua cartoonist.

Kaneshiro, who is also a professional cartoonist, worked about 20 years for LBPH, and served in



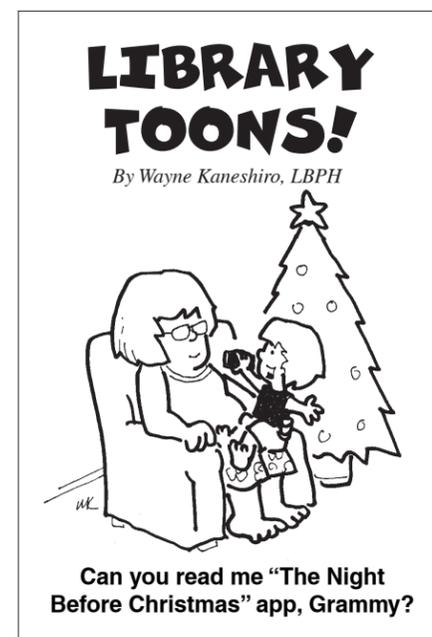
Kaneshiro

various Library Assistant and Library Technician positions at the Hawaii State Library, Hawaii Kai Public Library, Kaimuki Public Library, and Liliha Public Library.

In 1975, Kaneshiro received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. After graduation, he joined the "House of Cartoons," a cartoon club at UH-Manoa started by Art Instructor Dave Thorne where a dozen cartoonists shared cartooning tips.

As a professional cartoonist, Kaneshiro's cartoons have appeared in publications such as the "Saturday Evening Post," "New Woman," "Tennis," and some computer magazines. In addition, Kaneshiro has drawn caricatures of people.

Kaneshiro began drawing at the age of 5 and got interested in cartooning by reading numerous comic books including Batman, Spiderman, and Superman. Normally it takes him about two months to visualize an idea but only 10-15 minutes to draw the cartoon itself. "Coming up with an idea is the challenging part about cartooning," said Kaneshiro. "I see things differently, take various pieces of the cartoon from here and there, and then put it all together. The process surprises me sometimes!" he laughed.



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The Honolulu Handbell Ensemble will present a Christmas Concert directed by Anne Craig Lum and comprised of handbell choir directors and advanced ringers from Oahu churches. They will perform music of the Holiday Season using English handbells and chimes: December 17, noon - **Hawaii State Library** (586-3520).

• **"Paka'a Lanakila!"** The Spring Wind Quintet will perform this special commissioned work narrated by composer Jon Magnussen as well as classical and Holiday Season music: December 10, noon - **Hawaii State Library** (586-3520).

• **"Christmas Ideas Demonstration."** Volunteers from Oahu Association FCE Clubs will demonstrate how to make simple and economical gifts, decorations, and provide food ideas for Christmas. Food samples for tasting will be offered. The University of Hawaii at Manoa's Cooperative Extension Service and Oahu Association for Family and Community Education (FCE) are sponsoring this program; suitable for ages 12 and older: December 8, 5:30 p.m. - **Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library** (831-6831).

• **"Seventh Annual Holiday Music Festival,"** December 6, 6 p.m. at **Kahuku Public & School Library** (293-8935): festival will feature "Vocal Motion," the award-winning show choir from Kahuku High School; a Brigham Young University-Hawaii String Ensemble, a Keiki Chorus and an Adult Women's Choir. This program is suitable for all ages; refreshments will be served.

• **"Make a Holiday Season Potpourri Angel Ornament,"** December 7, 5 p.m. - **Kealakekua Public Library** (323-7585): Using basic sewing skills you can create an angel ornament with flannel fabric, cinnamon sticks, potpourri, felt, and tulle. Visit the Library to see two samples on display and for more details. This craft program is suitable

for ages 5 and older.

• **"Sugar Plum Fairies & Teddy Bear-ies."** Uncle Bwop and Auntie Melinda Wing will present an interactive family Holiday story and music program at eight Maui, Molokai, and Lanai public libraries. The husband-and-wife duo of storytellers and musicians will share stories, songs, and skits about this magical time of the year. Children are encouraged to dress in costume and bring their favorite Fairy or Teddy Bear. The Maui Friends of the Library is sponsoring these programs; suitable for ages 3 and older:

Dec. 7, 3 p.m. - **Molokai Public Library** (553-1765); Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m. - **Kahului Public Library** (873-3097); Dec. 10, 11 a.m. - **Lahaina Public Library** (662-3950); Dec. 15, 2:15 p.m. - **Lanai Public & School Library** (565-7920); Dec. 16, 10:30 a.m. - **Kihei Public Library** (875-6833); Dec. 20, 11 a.m. - **Hana Public & School Library** (248-4848); Dec. 21, 10 a.m. - **Wailuku Public Library** (243-5766); Dec. 22, 10 a.m. - **Makawao Public Library** (573-8785)

• **Special Holiday-Themed Storytime,** December 8 and 15, 10:30 a.m. at **Hawaii Kai Public Library** (397-5833): stories, songs, rhymes and simple make-and-take craft. Suitable for ages 2 1/2 to 5.

• **Japanese Shakuhachi Bamboo Flute Performance and Demonstration** by Christopher Yohmei Blasdell, December 9, 3:30 p.m. at **Molokai Public Library** (553-1765). The East-West Center at University of Hawaii-Manoa and Molokai Public Library are co-sponsoring this program.

• **"A Magical Christmas"** featuring The Amazing Alan Arita, December 10, 10:30 a.m., at **Hawaii Kai Public Library** (397-5833): Magician Alan Arita will perform a Christmas Magic Show. A Christmas craft activity for the whole family will follow the magic show, and light refreshments will be served. The Friends of Hawaii Kai Public Library is sponsoring this program which is suitable for ages 3

and older.

• **"Holiday Season Puppet Times"** featuring puppeteer Christy Lipps, December 11, 3 p.m. at **Kaneohe Public Library** (233-5676): Lipps will present her favorite children's Holiday Season stories in a lively puppet show featuring beautifully hand-crafted puppets, finger plays, and songs. The Friends of Kaneohe Public Library is sponsoring this program which is suitable for all ages.

• **"A Visit with Santa Claus,"** December 14, 9:30 a.m. at **Pearl City Public Library** (453-6566): Keiki who tell Santa their Christmas wishes will receive a goody bag. Parents are encouraged to bring a camera for a photo op with Santa. Registration is requested; please contact the Library.

• **"Holiday Family Storytime,"** December 14, 6 p.m. at **Mililani Public Library** (627-7470): stories and songs for the whole family. The Friends of Mililani Public Library is sponsoring this program which is suitable for preschoolers through children age 12.

• **"Spring Wind Quintet Christmas Concert,"** December 17, 1 p.m. - **Kapolei Public Library** (693-7050): The quintet will perform Christmas music and provide a brief overview of the instruments. Learn how the musicians produce sounds from the instruments and how they perform together as a group.

• **"Mele in the Light of the Ancestors"** featuring Lono Music, December 21, 6 p.m. at **Molokai Public Library** (553-1765). The Friends of Molokai Public Library is sponsoring this program; suitable for all ages.

• **"The Polar Express,"** December 22, 5 p.m. at **Wahiawa Public Library** (622-6345): See this heart-warming, motion capture, computer-animated movie based on the children's book by Chris Van Allsburg, and featuring the voice of Tom Hanks.

Other public libraries are scheduled to host Holiday Season Programs-Events. Please call your local library for more information.