Passport Service Not Available June 6

With a large crowd expected for HSPLS’s 2015 Summer Reading Programs’ Kick-off Event, passport acceptance service will not be available June 6 at the Hawaii State Library-Federal Documents Section. The popular service will resume on June 8 at 10 a.m. Regular hours of this service are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Pearl City Library Reopens

Pearl City Public Library will reopen on June 8 at noon following the completion of major Renovation Projects including re-roofing, re-flooring, and other improvements.

Mahalo nui loa to the Department of Accounting and General Services for repairing our libraries for the benefit of the patrons and employees.

Mark Your Calendars

June 11 – Kamehameha Day Holiday, all public libraries will be closed.
June 20-27 – 68th Annual Friends of the Library of Hawaii (FLH) Book Sale, McKinley High School Cafeteria. Title Sponsor: Hawaii State Federal Credit Union. Choose from more than 150,000 books; new merchandise added daily. Proceeds benefit the Hawaii State Public Library System. For more information, visit: www.friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org or call 536-4174.

Super Hero Bon Dance Kicks off Summer Reading

“Sheer Hero Bon Dance” 2015 Summer Reading Kick-off Event will be presented on the Great Lawn of the Hawaii State Library on Saturday, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entertainer Lina Girl will emcee this free special event.

Everyone is invited to wear a kimono, happi coat or favorite super hero costume and join costumed super heroes like Batman, Wonder Woman and Star Wars’ Storm Troopers at the Bon Dance from 10 a.m. to noon with live music performed by the Aiea Taiheiji Nagura Gumi. Real-life law enforcement and safety heroes will also participate in the event to illustrate some of the various kinds of heroes that will be explored throughout our Summer Reading Programs. The bon dance event will provide a venue to celebrate our

Join Our Summer Reading Programs

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) invites readers of all ages to sign up for our 2015 Summer Reading Programs currently underway at public libraries statewide. Register for the free seven-week programs which run through July 18. Some libraries may extend their programs beyond the July 18 date; contact your local library for dates and other guidelines.

Participants who visit their local library and read at least one book per week are eligible to receive a free reading incentive, while supplies last. In addition to reading, the programs will feature performances by artists from the University of Hawaii’s Statewide Cultural Extension Program.

While all of our Summer Reading Programs have an overall theme of “Heroes,” each program has its own special theme:

• Children (Pre-kindergarteners through children entering grade 6 this fall) – Every Hero Has a Story invites children to discover the “superheroes”
HSPLS Summer Reading Programs’ Sponsors


Corporate sponsors include Hawaii Pizza Hut, McDonald’s Restaurants of Hawaii, First Insurance Company of Hawaii, HouseMart Ace Hardware and HouseMart Ben Franklin Crafts, HONOLULU Family, Frito-Lay of Hawaii, Starbucks Coffee Company, Wholesale Unlimited and Diamond Bakery. In addition, these programs are funded in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in Hawaii by the State Librarian.

Performing artists from the Statewide Cultural Extension Program are co-sponsored by the University of Hawaii’s Outreach College, the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Mahalo to our Super Hero Bon Dance sponsors: Hawaii Pizza Hut, McDonald’s Restaurants of Hawaii, First Insurance Company of Hawaii, HouseMart Ace Hardware and HouseMart Ben Franklin Crafts, Frito-Lay of Hawaii, Starbucks Coffee Company, Wholesale Unlimited, Diamond Bakery, The Islander Group, First Hawaiian Bank, and the event is funded in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in Hawaii by the State Librarian.


Hawaii Award Winners’ Books @ your Library

Congratulations to two of the top winners of the recent 2015 Ka Palapala Po’okela (“excellent or exemplary manuscript”) Awards show: “The Red Headed-Hawaiian” (Mutual Publishing) by Rudy Puana, M.D. and Chris McKinney who won the Best Book in Literature category, and “No Mākou ka Mana: Liberating the Nation” (Kamehameha Publishing) by Kamanamaikalani Beamer who captured the top prize, The Samuel M. Kamakau Award.

Many HSPLS libraries have copies of these books in their collections that patrons may borrow: “The Red Headed-Hawaiian” (H B Puana Pu) and “No Mākou ka Mana: Liberating the Nation” (H 996.902 Be).

The Hawaii Book Publishers Association (HBPA) conducts this annual awards program to recognize the finest books published in Hawaii during the previous year and to honor individuals involved in their creation. HBPA sponsors these awards as part of its public outreach effort to enhance the recognition of book publishing as an industry in Hawaii and support local literacy.

Featured Artists Perform at Libraries

The Hawaii State Public Library System will present special performances by featured artists during our 2015 Summer Reading Programs (SRPs), courtesy of the Friends of the Library of Hawaii and their year-round sponsors.

Nyla Fujii-Babb, one of Hawaii’s premier storytellers, will present “Hawaiian Heroes: Past and Present” at selected libraries statewide. Her stories will feature Hawaiian heroes including Maui, Puina, Laka, Ika Pu, and Duke Kahanamoku. In addition to being a storyteller, Fujii-Babb has been an artistic director, puppeteer and actress for more than 20 years, and is a retired HSPLS Children’s Librarian.

Greywolf, a Native American medieval armorer, will offer “Heroes of the Classic Era” and “Women Warriors of Asia” at selected libraries statewide. Greywolf, who has more than 20 years of weapons smithing experience, will focus on heroes and feature authentic handcrafted weapons and antiques, and period costumes.

Ronald McDonald, the official mascot of McDonald’s Restaurants, will present “It’s Book Time!,” a fun-filled interactive performance featuring a creative blend of music, magic, and games to reinforce the idea that reading is fun, and books play an important part of everyday life. McDonald’s Restaurants of Hawaii is sponsoring this special event for children of all ages at 14 selected Oahu libraries.

Other special performers and presenters will be featured at selected libraries.

All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.
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ancestors, who are heroes as well!
See an Okinawan Taiko Drum Performance by Chinagu Eisa Hawaii, a Children’s Japanese Dance Troupe Performance by Hanayagi Mitsusumi Dance Group, and experience Magic by the Amazing Alan Arita from noon until 2 p.m.

Star Wars characters of the Pacific Outpost of the 501st Legion and Rebel Legion Hawaii Outpost, Hawaii Hero Alliance’s line up of superheroes, Lani Moo, Calci and Kawika from Meadow Gold Dairies and Ronald McDonald in the afternoon will make special appearances. Keiki can participate in children’s activities and enjoy interactive and informational booths by event sponsors. Participants can enter an andagi eating contest, enjoy refreshments, enter lucky drawings for prizes, and register for this year’s Summer Reading Programs.

For more information: visit http://www.librarieshawaii.org/summerreading, like us at www.facebook.com/HSPLSHiGov, follow us on www.twitter.com/HSPLSHiGov, or call your local public library.

Former State Librarian Bart Kane
Visionary who Transformed HSPLS

Hawaii’s longest-serving State Librarian Bart Kane, who was known as a visionary for Hawaii’s public libraries, died May 11 of liver cancer at his home in Seal Beach, Calif.

He was 69.

During his 16-year term from May 1982 to June 1998, Kane sought to bring about change during tough economic times, fought hard for his employees' rights, and transformed the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS), the only statewide public library system in the nation, from the old card catalog system to the new digital system.

State Librarian Stacey Aldrich met Bart when he became the Director of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System in Maryland. "He was thoughtful and visionary. It was clear he had a passion for serving the public through great library service. I am grateful for all of the work he did here as the State Librarian of Hawaii, and the risks he took to rethink the future of libraries. My sincerest condolences to his family, friends and colleagues who knew and loved him."

In January 1998, the former Honolulu Star-Bulletin recognized Kane in their "Ten Who Made A Difference" who was called "a risk taker, an innovator, a visionary, a leader with integrity who deeply cares for Hawaii's libraries" and "praised for doing more with less and taking the heat for unpopular decisions, notably the Baker & Taylor outsourcing contract to select and acquire books for Hawaii's libraries." Although Kane’s bold proposal was not successful, Hawaii was in the national spotlight since it was the first time a state or library system had tried to do this.

In 1990, Kane was instrumental in offering patrons Sunday hours of 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at five Oahu public libraries: Hawaii Kai, Kaimuki, Kaneohe, Mililani and Pearl City. Prior to becoming State Librarian, Kane served as the Lanai Community and School Librarian, Children’s Librarian at Liliha Public Library, and as a librarian in the Hawaii State Library’s former Research and Evaluation Services Section.

Kane is survived by wife Elaine Murphy, daughter Leah; stepsons Kevin Murphy and Erin Murphy; sisters Kacey Obrenski and Kerry Ellis; four grandchildren; a nephew and nieces.

Ask A Librarian
By Hawaii State Library-Telephone Reference and Information Staff

Q: HELP, I forgot my PIN (Personal Identification Number)!

A: By default, PINs are set to be the last 4 digits of a patron’s phone number (home, mobile or business). To protect patron identities and for security purposes, staff are unable to provide that information through email or phone. If you continue to have problems with your PIN, please come to any public library with your library card and photo identification to verify or change your PIN.

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within themselves as they read and learn about real life, fantasy and everyday heroes among us who do extraordinary things.

• Teen (students entering grade 7 to 2015 high school graduates) – Unmask! motivates teens to read and “unmask” heroes of all kinds – from real heroes of the past to heroes of today, fictional heroes in literature and film, superheroes in comics and movies, and the heroes they may find in themselves.

• Adult (patrons 18 and older) – Escape the Ordinary encourages adults to read to discover heroes including military and war veterans, historical icons, and more as they escape the ordinary to see the extraordinary.

For more information: visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call your local public library.
Spotlight on:
Mountain View Public & School Library
By Carleen Corpuz

Mountain View Public & School Library, located at 18-1235 Volcano Highway, is a 3,000-square-foot building on the campus of Mountain View Elementary School. The Library opened on May 16, 1977 and serves the school, upper Puna and Volcano area residents.

In addition to the many services all Hawaii public libraries offer, our library hosts popular theatrical and musical programs, author visits, participates in the Mobile Netbook Loan Program and proctor exams. The Friends of the Library of Hawaii and our Mountain View Library Friends have supported us throughout the years providing funding for grants, programming, and by supplementing our library’s collection and other supply needs. Mountain View hosts a monthly Family Movie Night, co-sponsored by our local Friends who provide popcorn and lemonade.

Our library, features a compilation of historical articles, event brochures, projects and numerous photos of the surrounding area.

As our library continues to register more patrons for our Summer Reading Programs, we’re in full-swing mode offering seven weeks of fun and excitement to keep our community reading! Summer Reading programs geared for children will be presented on Wednesday mornings. Our kick-off program will be conducted after school on June 3rd.

For more information about our library’s hours, services and programs, please call 968-2322.

It’s Showdown Time at Cash Canyon!

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS), in partnership with the National Theatre for Children, presented “Showdown at Cash Canyon” to students at Mauka Lani Elementary School in Kapolei May 5. The play teaches children the importance of long-term savings and the skills needed to achieve it. Funding for “Showdown at Cash Canyon” was provided in part by a $100,000 grant from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation and the American Library Association, administered by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii. HSPLS was among 21 recipients who shared $1.8 million in grants as part of the Smartinvesting@yourlibrary initiative.

Keiki Can Experience Super Hero Academy

In celebration of the HSPLS 2015 Children’s Summer Reading Program, HouseMart Ace Hardware and HouseMart Ben Franklin Crafts will present “Super Hero Academy” at selected public libraries statewide beginning June 8 through July.

Keiki ages 5 and older, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, are invited to experience a special free “Hardware Science” program featuring demonstrations, two interactive stations for exploring Hardware Science experiments such as making secret messages using lemons, and a super hero craft activity station to make-and-take a hero craft item. Participants will receive a stamp card to record the completion of all three activities and receive a Super Hero Academy Graduation Certificate and a chance to enter a free prize drawing. Visit www.librarieshawaii.org for the program schedule.

Do You Know Your Legal Rights?

“Know Your Legal Rights,” a free informational program series, was presented at 10 public libraries statewide from April-May by the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii through the Access to Justice grant. The Hawaii State Judiciary, State Justice Institute, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, and the Hawaii State Public Library System sponsored the programs. Kaneohe Public Library hosted a recent Landlord-Tenant Law program featuring guest speakers (l-r) Sami Nakahira, Michelle Horton, and Andi Edmunds (seated), AmeriCorps Advocates of the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii. In back are Kaneohe Librarians Curt Fukumoto and Alexis Cheong.

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