Nanakuli Library Groundbreaking is Nov. 21

Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) will conduct a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Nanakuli Public Library at 89-070 Farrington Highway on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 10 a.m. Governor David Ige and other invited dignitaries are scheduled to attend the ceremony.

Designed by CDS International, the $14.8 million, 18,000-square-foot library will be built by Watts Constructors, Inc. on a 3-acre site next to Nanaikapono Elementary School. The library will serve the communities of Nanakuli and Maili and feature a business center, meeting rooms, and a separate, outdoor program room. The new library is expected to achieve LEED Silver Certification and will be highly sustainable with features including photovoltaic panels for electricity generation, natural lighting from skylights, and motion sensors. The building design is reminiscent of a village setting representing the community’s past and complementing buildings on the Leeward coastline today.

Mark Your Calendars

November – HSPLS 2015 Fall Programs for Children and Teens. See award-winning Irish Storyteller Niall de Búrca and notable UH-Manoa SCEP Program artists perform at various libraries through Nov. 30. Visit www.librarieshawaii.org/programs for the schedule.

Nov. 7-8 - Friends of the Library of Hawaii’s 4th Annual November Book Sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Washington Middle School Cafeteria. Get a jump-start on your Holiday gift shopping at this two-day sale sponsored by the Hawaii State Federal Credit Union! Choose gently-used books from more than 30 categories including cookbooks and craft books; proceeds will benefit Hawaii’s 50 public libraries. For more information, visit www.friendsofhawaii.org.

Nov. 11 – Veterans Day Holiday - All public libraries will be closed.

Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Day Holiday - All public libraries will be closed. Kealakekua Library will also be closed on Nov. 27.

Get Cooking and Crafty for the Holidays

The Holiday Season will soon be upon us! Hawaii’s public libraries are ready to assist you in finding cookbooks with recipes for family get-togethers and parties, and craft books for making decorations and ornaments for your home.

With a valid HSPLS library card, you can browse your local library for cookbooks in the 640 call number series and craft books in the 740 call number series or ask the library reference desk staff for assistance.

Join Lani Moo and Calci for Storytimes

A special “Storytime with Meadow Gold Dairies’ Lani Moo and Calci” will be offered at seven selected Oahu libraries from Saturday, Nov. 14 - Wednesday, Dec. 23.

Children of all ages are invited to experience this free program featuring stories about farm animals and healthy

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Free 2016 HSPLS Calendar Strips Available at Libraries

A must-have item for library patrons is back by popular demand! The free 2016 edition of the HSPLS Calendar Strip, which easily attaches to the top frame of a computer screen or on top of a keyboard, is now available at all HSPLS libraries statewide, while supplies last. The 1½” x 16” Calendar Strip features the iconic HSPLS library card logo and our website address: www.librarieshawaii.org.

Libraries Celebrate Anniversaries and Host Noted Local Film

Kealakekua Public Library celebrated its 65th Anniversary Oct. 14 that featured a performance by Hawaiian Steel Guitarist Brian Kiernan. The Friends of the Libraries, Kona sponsored the event that was enjoyed by approximately 70 people including Acting Branch Manager Michele Kenney (green blouse) and staff members (l-r) Carmen Silva, Zena Toy, and Ariana Babichenko.

Kumu Hina Wong-Kalu (center), who inspired the Hawaii-made anti-bullying film “A Place in the Middle,” and co-directors (l-r) Joe Wilson and Dean Hamer conducted a successful community screening Oct. 15 at the Hawaii State Library, the third in-a-series of five screenings last month that were well-received by audiences at selected Oahu, Big Island, Kauai, and Molokai public libraries.

Lanai Public & School Library celebrated its 40th Anniversary Oct. 15 that featured performances by slam poet Kealoha, local storyteller Nyla Fujii-Babb, and the Taiko Center of the Pacific. Branch Manager Peggy Fink (4th from left) welcomed State Librarian Stacey Aldrich, Public Libraries Branch Director Stacie Kanno and (l-r) officials of Maui Friends of the Library Sharon Woodall, Cyndi Rogers, Dorothy Tollever and Friends of Lanai Library Dwight Gamulo and John Schaumburg. Approximately 380 people, including Cameron Chin (5) sitting between Kanno (left) and Aldrich, had a great time at the event.

BRANCHING OUT:
New Teen Titles

By Linda Mediati, Young Adult Librarian, Liliha Public Library

Nova Ren Suma

THE WALLS AROUND US
(Gr. 9-12) Two female teens serving time together in a juvenile detention facility tell a haunting and evocative tale of magical realism.

Sarah Dessen

SAINT ANYTHING
(Gr. 8-12) Sydney’s charismatic older brother Peyton has always been the center of attention in the family but when he is sent to jail, she struggles to find her place at home and in the world.

Renee Ahdeliah

THE WRATH AND THE DAWN
(Gr. 9-12) In this reimagining of The Arabian Nights, Shahrzad plans to avenge the death of her dearest friend by volunteering to marry the murderous boy-king of Khorasan but discovers not all is what it seems within the palace.

William Ritter

JACKABY
(Gr. 5-8) In 1892 New England, Abigail Rook, an assistant to investigator R.F. Jackaby, helps him delve into a case of serial murder which he is convinced is due to a supernatural being.

Lani Moo and Calci Storytimes

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eating read by Calci while popular mascot Lani Moo lends her support. After the storytime, children accompanied by a parent or caregiver can meet and take photos with Lani Moo and Calci.

The following libraries are hosting this program:
- Nov. 14, 10:30 a.m. - Kapolei Public Library (ph. 693-7050)
- Nov. 18, 11:30 a.m. - Aiea Public Library (ph. 483-7333)
- Nov. 25, 10:30 a.m. - Ewa Beach Public & School Library (ph. 689-1204)
- Dec. 2, 11 a.m. - Kailua Public Library (ph. 266-9911)
- Dec. 5, 11 a.m. - Manoa Public Library (ph. 988-0459)
- Dec. 9, 11:30 a.m. - Kaneohe Public Library (ph. 233-5676)
- Dec. 23, 11:30 a.m. - Aina Haina Public Library (ph. 377-2456)

Program schedule is subject to change. Contact the hosting library as soon as possible if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed.

HSPLS Salutes 2015 Award Winners

The Hawaii State Public Library System’s 2015 Employee and Team of the Year were honored along with other departmental award winners Oct. 2 at the Governor’s Awards Ceremony in the State Capitol’s House Chamber. State Librarian Stacey Aldrich (left) and Public Libraries Branch Director Stacie Kanno (far right) congratulate (l-r) Team Pahoa Public & School Library Branch Manager Gaila Vidunas, Rosemary Brown, Susan Watters, and Employee of the Year Miriam Sato, Hawaii State Library –Business, Science & Technology Section Head.

Tech Tip: How to Reserve a Library Internet Computer

Want to reserve a Library Internet Computer? All HSPLS branch libraries provide free Internet computer access for library users with valid library cards. To reserve time on a Public Internet computer log-on to the HSPLS website: www.librarieshawaii.org and on the right side select the “RESERVE A COMPUTER” button. You will need a valid HSPLS library card and PIN (usually the last four digits of your telephone number) to reserve and log-on to the computer.

Internet sessions are for 60 minutes. Users can reserve one 60-minute Internet session per week system-wide, up to one week in advance. For more information, please ask library reference desk staff.
North Kohala Public Library

North Kohala Public Library is located at 54-3645 Akoni Pule Hwy. on the northern tip of the Island of Hawaii. It replaced Bond Memorial Public Library which had served the Kohala community for 81 years. Designed by CDS International, the $7.8 million, 6,000 square-foot “green” library opened on Nov. 8, 2010.

History: On Oct. 23, 2010, more than 1,000 community volunteers conducted a Huki Puke (“passing of the books” human chain) to move about half of the former library’s collection 17,000 books, DVDs, and CDs 1¼ miles to the new location. In December 2011, North Kohala became the first HSPLS library and first state building in Hawaii to achieve the coveted LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold Certification.

Youth Activities: In addition to offering Preschool Storytimes, Youth Librarian Leilani Silver coordinates a weekly After School Activities program for elementary and middle school students. The activities include games, crafts, dancing, and a monthly book and movie club. Students who read the book before watching the movie often offer impressive observations in comparing books and films.

Facilities: The library has creative and innovative design features including wind and photovoltaic energy systems. In the past five years, the library has saved about $1,500 or 10% annually on its electricity bills. Patrons can sign up to use 10 public Internet computers and there is free Wi-Fi.

One Awesome Highlight: Serving as the cultural center of the rural Kohala community, the library offers a wide variety of programs including music performances, documentary film presentations, and speakers on Hawaiian history, natural science, and sustainability.

Anniversary: On Nov. 2 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., the library will celebrate its 5th Anniversary featuring Hawaiian entertainment by award-winning slack key guitarist John Keawe and hula performed by his wife Hope Keawe, a bounce castle for keiki, games and refreshments, sponsored by the Friends of North Kohala Public Library.

Friends Support: The Friends of North Kohala Public Library conduct an annual book sale and offer financial support to supplement the library’s collection, provide honorariums for speakers and supplies for youth programs.

Information: Visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call 889-6655 for information about hours, programs, and services.

Get Cooking and Crafty

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Here are a couple of suggested book titles to help get you started:

• “Holiday Gift-Giving Recipes” by Muriel Miura. This local cookbook author presents more than 40 easy to make recipes for homemade gifts including silky salad dressings, nutty fruit breads, spicy finger snacks, luscious fruit jams and jellies, and more.

• “300 Ways to Make the Best Christmas Ever!: Decorations, Carols, Crafts & Recipes for Every Kind of Christmas Tradition” Edited by Mimi Tribble. Get ready for stories that will inspire, crafts to decorate your home, gingerbread houses to bake, drinks to bring Holiday cheer, and more.