Aiea Public Library Awarded Prestigious LEED Gold Certification

The new Aiea Public Library has earned the coveted Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). The cooperative efforts of the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) and the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) contributed to the Aiea Public Library being selected as a LEED Gold building.

Aiea Public Library is a $10.4 million, 17,200-square-foot library located on the site of the former Aiea Sugar Mill at 99-374 Pohai Place. Designed by architect Glenn Miura.

Access to Justice (A2J) Self-Help Court Forms Launched

Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS), in partnership with the Hawaii State Judiciary and the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii (LASH), has launched the Access 2 Justice program, which will expand and promote free legal resources in libraries statewide. Hawaii State Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald and LASH Executive Director M. Nalani Fujimori Kaina participated in the launch to thank library staff and announce the partnership to assist self-represented litigants throughout Hawaii. State-of-the-art Self-Help Interactive Court Forms were unveiled to assist users in finding and completing the forms they need, and to help them as they navigate through the legal system. The program also includes a new chat feature to enable individuals to ask questions directly to Legal Aid about the self-help forms on its LawHelp website.

Five Big Island Libraries Offer Wi-Fi to Puna Residents

In light of the damage caused by Hurricane Isele throughout the Puna District of the Big Island, where some residents are still without water, power and/or Internet access, five libraries in the region are currently providing Wi-Fi service that is accessible without a library card 24/7, until electrical power is restored in the area.

“In an effort to provide access to the resources our Puna neighbors need at this critical time, we are extending the hours of our free Wi-Fi service so they can access the Internet for information, communication, recovery resources and other necessities,” said State Librarian Richard Burns.

The libraries: Keaau Public & School Library, Mt. View Public & School Library, Pahoa Public & School Library, Pahala Public & School Library, and Naalehu Public Library will maintain their regular public service hours and offer after hours Wi-Fi access as far as the signal extends beyond the perimeter of the buildings. Wi-Fi users are advised to connect to the HSPLS-Isele Network. An announcement will be made when this service is discontinued. Visit the Library or www.librarieshawaii.org for more information.

September 4 - Wailuku Public Library 85th Anniversary Celebration, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.: Performance by Grammy Award-winning Hawaiian Slack Key Guitarist Jeff Peterson. This special program is produced by the UH-Manoa Outreach College’s Statewide Cultural Extension Program and funded by the Maui Friends of the Library. Refreshments will be served. Call the Library at 243-5766 for more information.

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ATM and Vending Machines at Hawaii State Library

The Hawaii State Library now has an ATM and two vending machines for the convenience of patrons during their visits, thanks to the Friends of the Library of Hawaii (FLH). Both the ATM and vending machines are pilot projects in partnership with the Friends.

The Hawaii State Federal Credit Union (HSFCU) ATM is located in the Library’s Lobby next to the circulation desk book drop. Patrons who are HSFCU members can conveniently access their accounts to withdraw funds to rent DVDs, use copier machines, purchase snacks from the vending machines, or pay for overdue library materials.

The vending machines, located in the hallway of the Courtyard next to the First Floor Reading Room, dispense soft drinks, other beverages, and snacks such as candy, chips, and cookies. The vending machines accept cash, coins, and charge cards. “We ask that our patrons consume the food and beverages only in the Courtyard and open areas of the first floor,” said Diane Eddy, Hawaii State Library Director.

FLH Executive Director Nainoa Mau said, “Funds raised through our Friends’ pilot projects will go towards providing Children’s, Teen, and Adult programming at the Hawaii State Library. If the pilot projects do well at the Hawaii State Library, the Friends of the Library of Hawaii would be interested in expanding these services to other public libraries.”

Friends Select New Leader for the Future

Nainoa Mau has been selected as the new Executive Director of the Friends of the Library of Hawaii (FLH), Mau, who earned an MBA and Bachelors of Economics degree from Clark University, has served for four years in the Friends’ Office in various capacities including the Affiliates Coordinator position, and prior to employment volunteered at the annual FLH Booksales. Nainoa, a Kamehameha Schools alumnus, succeeds Bryde Cestare, who resigned after serving as FLH Executive Director for nine years.

In addition to increasing the Friends of the Library of Hawaii’s visibility through their website (www.friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org) and social media presence, Mau is credited with launching the Friends’ online booksales in 2012 which presently gross nearly $15,000 per year. This amount is expected to grow as the Friends expand their online inventory. He has also managed and improved the Affiliates program, working towards grassroots and community-based Friends’ support for every library branch.

“The Friends of the Library of Hawaii faces many space challenges,” said Mau. “The present office location at 690 Pohukaina Street in Kakaako is scheduled for redevelopment in the near future and the Friends continue to search for an interim site in the meantime.”

Mau has a passion for traveling around the world. “It seems that it will be harder to get away in the new position but I do hope to find some time for new adventures,” he said. “I have traveled extensively in Europe and overall I have visited around 30 countries. I enjoy outdoor activities and always bring a good book with me.”

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of CDS International, the Library includes features to reduce electricity consumption, such as a high-efficiency air-conditioning system and 6,000 square feet of photovoltaic solar panels. The Library is reminiscent of the old sugar mill with simple, tall gabled roofs, and exposed structures, mechanical and air-conditioning duct work within the interior space.

“Aiea Public Library, which opened on July 19, 2014, is the Library System’s third library to be honored with a LEED Gold Certification, joining Manoa Public Library and North Kohala Public Library on the Big Island,” said State Librarian Richard Burns. “These libraries are excellent examples of our vision for future public libraries in Hawaii.”

LEED® is the nation’s preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. A LEED facility involves building with recycled products and materials, and environmentally sustainable design features such as reduced water use, renewable energy and natural lighting.
Bree Despain
THE SHADOW PRINCE
(Gr. 10-12) Ancient Greece meets Glee in this myth-inspired romance. Hayden Lord, the disgraced yet handsome dark prince of the Underworld, must convince Daphne Raines, an aspiring teenage musician to accompany him back to Hades in order to save his kingdom from destruction. Book one of Into the Dark series.

Rachel Hawkins
REBEL BELLE
(Gr. 8-12) Fans of Hawkins’ Hex Hall series will enjoy this new paranormal comedy starring 17-year-old over-achiever Harper Price, who is reluctantly transformed into Paladin, a super-powerful guardian sworn to protect the Oracle, a future seer who just happens to be her arch enemy and rival, the geeky David Stark.

Tiffany Schmidt
BRIGHT BEFORE SUNRISE
(Gr. 10-12) Do opposites attract? Readers can judge for themselves when they meet Brighton Waterford, the most popular junior at wealthy Cross Pointe High School, and Jonah Prentiss, a senior transfer student from the poor side of town who carries a chip on his shoulder. Over the course of one crazy Friday night, the twosome will learn whether the sparks they set off are welcome or not.

Ava Dallier
LOVE LETTERS TO THE DEAD
(Gr. 9-12) Teens who loved the popular, best-selling novel The Perks of Being a Wallflower won’t want to miss this heart-breaking story told through a series of fan letters written by Laurel, a high-school freshman who is struggling to cope with the sudden death of her beloved sister while dealing with the news of her parents’ separation.

Shannon Hale
DANGEROUS
(Gr. 7-12) There’s a new hero on the planet, and her name is Maisie Danger Brown. While attending an exclusive space camp, Maisie and four other teens are infected by alien nanobots that give them incredible superpowers. Will the “Fantastic Five” be able to save the Earth from evil-doers?

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These forms are easily accessible on HSPLS’ 800 library computers and 250 netbooks statewide. Legal Aid kicked off their first training session for Oahu library staff to demonstrate how to use the new software and conducted webinar training sessions for librarians statewide on the Big Island, Kauai, Maui, and at the Hawaii State Library.

“This new service is absolutely free for the public,” said State Librarian Richard Burns. “We often receive questions from the public about how to file for divorce, file a small claim, or from people who are facing landlord-tenant issues, and our staff will now be able to direct patrons to this new program that will help them with their legal issues.”

The new A2J self-help interactive forms are available online at Legal Aid’s LawHelp website (www.lawhelp.org/hi) and the Hawaii State Judiciary’s website (www.courts.state.hi.us).

The Judiciary’s Self-Help Interactive Forms Expansion project was made possible by a grant from the State Justice Institute and builds on funding Legal Aid received from the Legal Services Corporation Technology Initiative Grant.

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HSPLS thanks Department of Education Superintendent Kathy Matayoshi, Deputy Superintendent Ronn Nozoe, Complex Area Superintendent Mary Correa, and the principals, faculty and staff at our partner public schools for their cooperation in offering this special service.

Kapolei Public Library, the second largest library in the Hawaii State Public Library System, celebrated its 10th Anniversary August 23 with special programs and events. More than 800 people attended the day-long celebration that featured a Chinese Lion Dance by the Chinese Physical Cultural Association, entertainment by Balloon Monsoon and musical group Hawaiian Blend, free DVD rentals, a booksale, and free beverages were provided and served by Starbucks volunteers. Librarian Liane Watanuki (center), received a Hawaii State Legislature Certificate congratulating Kapolei Public Library on their milestone achievement from (l-r) State Senator Mike Gabbard (D, 20th) and State Representative Sharon Har (D, 42nd).

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Spotlight on:

Kalihi-Palama Public Library

By Marcia Nakama

Kalihi-Palama Public Library, located at 1325 Kalihi Street, opened on September 9, 1949. This September 9th, our Library will celebrate its 65th Anniversary. The public is invited to attend our Blue Sapphire celebration with cake and soft drinks provided by the Friends of Kalihi-Palama Library.

Designed by architect Vladimir Ossipoff, who has been called “the master of Hawaii modern architecture,” our Library is a mid-sized community library serving the Farrington Schools Complex, the Kalihi business district, the Bishop Museum, Ft. Shafter Army Base and four housing developments. Our service area extends from north Kalihi Valley to south Sand Island and west Ft. Shafter to east Lanakila Avenue.

In addition to providing the regular services and programs of the Hawaii State Public Library System, Kalihi-Palama Public Library offers our patrons four, one hour “One-On-One” computer classes: Introduction to Internet Explorer, Introduction to Microsoft Word 2010, Introduction to Gmail, and The Library Catalog and Online Databases. In October, we are tentatively scheduled to offer a new class: Introduction to Microsoft Excel 2010. We conduct monthly adult art classes such as S.M.A.R.T. (Second Monday Art Recycled Trash) and BYOC (Bring Your Own Craft). Registration is required for these classes due to limited seating; sign up at our Reference Desk.

One of the few HSPLS libraries with an auditorium, Kalihi-Palama Library’s Auditorium is popular and booked a year in advance. Our Auditorium is unique with 10 tables and 70 chairs.

Each year, the Friends of Kalihi-Palama Library generously supports our library by providing funding for library materials, programs for all ages, and various library supplies. This year, our Friends donated funds to clean and disinfect our 10-year-old carpet. The Friends of Kalihi-Palama Library will conduct an Audiovisual Sale from October 6 to 8.

For more information about our Library’s 65th Anniversary celebration, art and computer classes, public service schedule, programs and services, please call 832-3466.

Voter Registration Forms Available at Libraries

The General Election is just two months away, on November 4. Are you registered to vote? Hawaii’s 50 public libraries statewide offer two brochures “Wikiwiki Voter Registration” and “Wikiwiki Voter Registration & Permanent Absentee” that include voter registration forms (wikiwiki means “quickly, fast” in Hawaiian).

Eligible voters must be a citizen of the United States of America, a legal resident of Hawaii, and 18 years old by General Election Day (November 4). Permanent absentee voting allows registered voters to receive their ballots by mail for future elections.

Mailing Deadlines: voter registration application forms must be received by October 4 at the City and County of Honolulu or the Neighbor Island county where you live. If applying for permanent absentee voter status, forms must be received by October 27.

Voting is one of the cornerstones of a democratic society, and by voting, you will be helping to choose the representatives who will make decisions affecting you, your family and your community. We encourage all eligible voters to register and vote.

For more information, visit www.hawaii.gov/elections, call the Voter Hotline: 453-8683 on Oahu; Neighbor Islands call toll-free at 1-800-442-8683; or refer to the brochures.