

# HAWAII LBPH NEWS

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## **LIBRARY SERVICES OUTREACH**

Does your doctor, ophthalmologist, optometrist or other medical professional know about the library services available to visually or physically disabled people through LBPH? No one should be denied the pleasure of reading or access to information because of a disability. LBPH offers books and magazines in audio, braille and large-type formats. Ask your doctor, nurse, counselor or therapist if they have other clients who might benefit from our free services. Help others who may not know they can still pursue their love of reading!

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## **HOLIDAY BRAILLE EVENT**

Ho'opono Services for the Blind, a branch of the Department of Human Services Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, is hosting a holiday braille event on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the Ho'opono auditorium. Everyone's invited to learn a little bit about braille. There will be braille activities for children and adults. Make edible Christmas bracelets, jingle bell sticks, edible braille cells, holiday cards and more! It's free! Contact Debbie Gabe to register at 754-2793 or [debbiegabe@live.com](mailto:debbiegabe@live.com).

**SERVICES**

**BARD vs. THE COMPETITION**

If you enjoy downloadable audiobooks, you have a variety of options available. Some are free, some have a cost, some have limits and some don't. Here is a comparison of the NLS' BARD with other similar services:

<u>BARD</u>	<u>OverDrive</u>	<u>Audible</u>
No download limit No wait list No due dates FREE BARD mobile app option Audio & Braille books	Check-out limits Copy limits = wait lists Books expire FREE OverDrive mobile app option Audio and eBooks	Monthly limits Author-read books No expiration Subscription plans = \$ Books are limited to the mobile app Audio books only

In many ways BARD is the better option, with no limits, no waiting, and no cost. Plus, downloadable braille files are available. Go to [BARD Information](#) to find out about applying for a BARD account.

Have any questions? Call Hawaii's LBPH. Staff is available weekdays except Tuesdays from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm. On Tuesdays, the staff is here from 10 am to 6 pm.

## READING SUGGESTIONS

Here's a sampling of popular fiction titles in large-type. Some are also available in audio. Call 733-8444 to place a request.

***Crazy Rich Asians* by Kevin Kwan:** Rachel is invited to Singapore to meet Nicholas' wealthy family, but finds herself having difficulty coping with his spiteful relatives.

***Juror #3* by James Patterson:** Attorney Ruby Bozarth defends a college football star charged in a felony case complicated by a second murder.

***In His Father's Footsteps* by Danielle Steel:** The son of two Holocaust survivors struggles to find his own identity after his marriage falls apart.

***Paradox* by Catherine Coulter:** When dragging the lake to investigate a murder, not only do the divers find the victim, they also discover dozens of bones.

***Oathbringer* by Brandon Sanderson:** Humanity faces a new desolation with the return of the voidbringers. The nations of Roshar must stand together to save civilization.

***Winter in Paradise* by Elin Hilderbrand:** When magazine editor Irene Steele learns that her husband has been killed in a helicopter crash, she discovers that he had been leading a separate life.

## **VOLUNTEER FOCUS**

Hawaii State LBPH is grateful to all the volunteers who give their time and energy to help us provide services to our patrons. In this issue, we recognize our friend **Sam Callejo**. For many years, LBPH has used braille writers to create documents in braille for our visually impaired patrons. Over time, many of the machines fell into disrepair. Sam did not hesitate to take on the challenge of repairing and rehabilitating these machines, often doing the intricate work of taking them apart and putting them back together. Sam is legendary for his mechanical skills, but he is better-known for his storied career in government, working at high-level positions for the City and County of Honolulu, the State of Hawaii and the University of Hawaii. We are very fortunate to have Sam as part of the LBPH volunteer team.

## **THE NLS ONLINE CATALOG**

The NLS online catalog is a good tool for finding interesting books in audio and braille. Go to [NLS Catalog](#) and select the Voyager interface. You can choose between a basic search and a guided search. Either is easy to use. If you need any assistance, call LBPH at 808-733-8444 or toll free at 1-800-559-4096. You can also email us at [olbcirc@librarieshawaii.org](mailto:olbcirc@librarieshawaii.org).