

HAWAII STATE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

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SUMMER 2019 NEWSLETTER

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Hawaii State Public Library System's Summer Reading Program is underway! This year's theme is "A Universe of Stories." You can read books, magazines or anything else in the format of your choice. Just keep track of the amount of time you spend reading. The more you read, the more entries you can submit for our grand prize drawing. This year's prize is airfare for 4 anywhere Alaska Airlines flies. If you are interested in participating, call Hawaii State LBPH at 733-8444.

LEARN ABOUT BARD

Hawaii State LBPH is hosting a demonstration on how to use BARD, the braille and audio download service from the National Library Service for the Blind & Physically Handicapped. It will be held at the Library on Friday, July 19, at 2:00 pm. BARD provides access to thousands of special-format books, magazines and music scores instantly. Learn how to apply for BARD and download books to computers or mobile devices. Seating is limited, so please RSVP by calling 733-8444 as soon as possible. Bring your friends, relatives or caregivers. Everyone is invited.

RADIO READING SERVICE

Hawaii State LBPH broadcasts radio programming 24/7 to registered patrons. One hour of news from the Honolulu Star Advertiser airs live every weekday morning from 8:00 am to 9:00 am except for Tuesdays when it airs from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Throughout the day, our volunteer announcers also read articles from Midweek, Pacific Business News, Honolulu Magazine and more. We provide the radio receiver. If you want to have access to great radio programming, call us at 733-8444.

NEW BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Looking for some great Summer reading? Here are some recommendations in large print available from Hawaii State LBPH:

The Secretary by Renee Knight

Christine Butcher has been the personal assistant to a celebrity for 20 years, watching, listening and absorbing the secrets and scandals around her. But years of loyalty can come with a high price.

Victory Garden by Rhys Bowen

After the death of her husband in the Great War, Emily finds herself alone and with child. But the discovery of the forgotten journals of a medicine woman may open a path to her destiny.

The Temp by Michelle Frances

After an unexpected pregnancy, Carrie, a successful TV producer, realizes she needs a temporary assistant and hires Emma, a bright, ambitious script editor who soon comes to worship Carrie. Or is it Carrie's job she worships?

The Unwinding of the Miracle by Julie Yip-Williams

An inspiring true life story about a woman born blind who narrowly escapes euthanasia and flees Vietnam with her

family. Against all odds she creates a successful life in America only to be diagnosed with terminal colon cancer.

Accessory to War by Neil deGrasse Tyson & Avis Lang

Tyson and Lang examine how the tools of astrophysics have been used in the service of war. Though their goals are different, the interests of scientists and military planners overlap. An engrossing look at the intersection of science, industry and power.

NLS NEWS

Hawaii State LBPH is part of a nationwide network of libraries administered by the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled. NLS has been looking at different technologies to make books more accessible and the patron experience more pleasant:

- Braille eReaders—portable, easy-to-use braille eReaders mainly designed for NLS braille materials
- Modified Smartphones—handheld smartphones that would serve as the next generation talking book player
- Voice User Interfaces—systems that would allow patrons to use their voices to command devices and search for materials, similar to Siri and Alexa
- Streaming Services—technology that allows patrons play recorded materials immediately instead of waiting for the item to be downloaded and stored on a device
- Synthetic Speech—use of computerized speech instead of human readers to produce audio magazines faster and at lower cost

Use of any of these technologies will depend largely on how much test patrons like them and how cost efficient they are.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Hawaii State LBPH will be closed on the following holidays:

June 11, 2019 Kamehameha Day

July 4, 2019 Independence Day

August 16, 2019 Statehood Day

Sept. 2, 2019 Labor Day

This newsletter was produced by the staff of The Hawaii State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. If you have any questions or comments, please call our branch manager Baron Baroza at 733-8444 or email baron.baroza@librarieshawaii.org.