

HAWAII STATE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED

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SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER

2020 CENSUS

The 2020 Census is happening soon! All people living in the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and all U.S. Territories will be counted. Between March 12 and March 20, each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short survey—online, by phone, or by mail. The census is important because it determines how tax dollars are allocated to your community. If you have a visual disability and would like to use the online option to complete the survey, we have internet computers with JAWS and ZoomText that you can use. We can't help you answer the survey questions, but we can reserve a computer so you can participate in the census. Call us at 733-8444.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

In celebration of National Volunteer Week (April 19-25), Hawaii LBPD would like to recognize our amazing volunteers who give their time and talent to make reading materials accessible to people with disabilities. Our volunteers perform many duties including recording books into audio format, doing live or recorded announcements on Radio Reading Service Hawaii, processing large print books, and helping with transcribing print documents into braille. The work they do is extremely valuable and deeply appreciated. Thank you, volunteers!

LARGE PRINT BOOK COLLECTION

Hawaii LBPD owns the biggest collection of large print books in the state of Hawaii. From current bestsellers to perennial favorites, there is something for everyone in our collection. In addition to the books we own, Hawaii LBPD patrons can borrow titles from other branches in the Hawaii State Public Library System through the intralibrary loan service. If you find a book at another branch, let us know and we can request it and have it delivered to your home. Call us at 733-8444 to get more information.

NEW NONFICTION BOOKS ON BARD

You Look Like a Thing and I Love You: How Artificial Intelligence Works by Janelle Shane. DB98087

An electrical engineer examines the ways artificial intelligence is already present in our daily lives and its potential uses in the future.

Jimmy Neurosis: A Memoir by James Oseland DB97944

Former Top Chef judge shares his coming of age in the underground punk scenes of San Francisco and Manhattan.

The Shadow President : The Truth about Mike Pence by Michael D'Antonio and Peter Eisner DBC17792

Two award-winning journalists unmask the real Mike Pence.

The Movie Musical! By Jeanine Basinger DB98081

A film historian chronicles the history of the movie musical, from Fred Astaire to La La Land.

HAWAII ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND CONVENTION

The Hawaii Association of the Blind held its annual convention on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Pagoda Hotel. The theme this year was “Striving for Advocacy.” Hawaii LBPD was presented with a monetary donation that will help us provide important library services and resources to our patrons. Hawaii LBPD is very grateful to the Board and members of HAB for their generous support.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Hawaii LBPD hosts a book discussion group on the first Tuesday of each month, and the group is looking for new members. If you live on Oahu, love books and enjoy talking to other enthusiasts, you're welcome to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, April 7th, at 4 PM. The group will be discussing “The Hundred Secret Senses” by Amy Tan. You don't have to be disabled to participate. Everyone is welcome!

FEATURED RESOURCE: ABILITIES UNLIMITED

Abilities Unlimited is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities in Hawaii. It focuses on community engagement and education programs and is

Hawaii's premier employment service for individuals with disabilities referred to them by the State. AU provides job readiness training, job placement, and job maintenance advice. AU also has training classes focusing on academics, vocational goals, community service and more. Call 532-2100 for more information.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Hawaii LBPD will be closed on the following holidays:

Mar. 26, 2020 (Thursday) Prince Kuhio Day

Apr. 10, 2020 (Friday) Good Friday

May 25, 2020 (Monday) Memorial Day

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