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FALL 2020 NEWSLETTER

LIBRARY SERVICES CONTINUE

If you haven't been requesting audio, braille or large print books because you thought we might be closed, please know that we are working and are ready to help you. The pandemic has restricted access to our building, but not our ability to send you materials you need. If you are looking for the latest fiction from writers like Iris Johansen, James Patterson, Amanda Quick or Rita Mae Brown or new nonfiction about politics, racism or other topics that affect our lives, you can find it in our collection. To request a title, please call us at 733-8444.

STREAMING AUDIO SURVEY

Hawaii LBPD will soon be sending you a survey to get your opinion about streaming our Radio Reading Service programming over the Internet. We hope to get more information about how many of you have Internet access and how comfortable you are using it to stream or download books, movies or music. We will send the survey out via email and postal mail. When you get it, please take a few minutes to fill it out and send it back. Streaming might be a good way to make our programming more available to people who might not be able to receive the radio signal.

ACCESSIBLE VOTING

The General Election is rapidly approaching. Don't let a disability prevent you from voting. Hawaii now has statewide voting by mail. All registered voters will automatically receive a ballot in the mail and no traditional polling places will be set up.

To ensure you will receive your General Election ballot in the mail, check your voter registration status online at elections.hawaii.gov or call the Office of Elections. By law, ballots cannot be forwarded through the mail, so if you have moved or changed your mailing address or name, you must update your voter registration. The deadline to register is October 5th.

You should receive your ballot packet by October 16th; it will include a preaddressed postage-paid return envelope, a ballot secrecy sleeve, and the ballot itself. Mark your ballot, put it in the secrecy sleeve, then put it in the return envelope. Don't forget to seal and sign. Your ballot must be received by 7:00 PM on Election Day, so it's best to mail it no later than October 27. After October 27, you may drop off your ballot at a voter services center or other designated place of deposit.

If you need help voting because of a physical disability, you may choose any adult you trust, but it can't be an agent of your employer, your union or any candidate.

Voter service centers will be open from October 20th to November 3rd to provide same day voter registration, accessible voting, and ballot collection. The voter service centers will have accessible voting machines which provide non-visual access to the ballot information. Learn more about voter service centers at <https://elections.hawaii.gov/voter-service-centers-and-places-of-deposit/>.

Alternate format ballots (AFB) are available to voters with

special needs. The ballot will be emailed as an HTML file that voters can access with assistive technology. The ballots need to be printed, signed, and returned to their County Elections Division via mail or fax or dropped off at a deposit location. Ballots must be received by 7:00 PM on Election Day.

Visit elections.hawaii.gov for additional information on voter assistance or call the Office of Elections or your County Elections Division office. The phone numbers are listed below.

City & County of Honolulu: 808-768-3800

County of Hawaii: 808-961-8277

County of Kauai: 808-241-4800

County of Maui: 808-270-7749

State of Hawaii Office of Elections: 808-453-8683

BOOKS FROM THE HAWAIIAN CATALOG AVAILABLE

Hawaii LBPD is finally making its old collection of classic books about Hawaii available on digital cartridges that can be played on your Talking Book Machine. Here is a list of some of the titles you could borrow:

Around the World with a King (HDB 00837) by William N. Armstrong

Broken Trust (HDB 01382) by Samuel P. King & Randall Roth

Catch a Wave (HDB 02036) by Tom Coffman

Georgia O'Keeffe's Hawaii (HDB 00049) by Patricia Jennings & Maria Ausherman

Hawaiians of Old (HDB 00045) by Betty Dunford

Hawaii's Story by Hawaii's Queen (HDB 00286) by Queen Liliuokalani

Hokulea: The Way to Tahiti (HDB 00117) by Ben R. Finney

Jan Ken Po (HDB 00288) by Dennis M. Ogawa

Let's Go Bows (HDB 00019) by Melody Toth

Obake Files (HDB 01115) by Glen Grant

Unlikely Revolutionary (HDB 01304) by Matsuo Takabuki

Call us at 733-8444 to request a book or the complete list of titles available.

BAR D UPGR ADES

BAR D, our ebraille and audio download service, was upgraded in June to include a couple of new features:

You can now subscribe to your favorite book series. If you like Stone Barrington, Stephanie Plum, the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency or any other great fiction series, you can search the BAR D collection for them and then subscribe. When a book in the series becomes available, it will be automatically added to your Wish List. BAR D will even notify you when a book is ready to be downloaded.

Another new feature allows you to change your BAR D password even before you log in. Just go to the BAR D webpage www.nlsbard.loc.gov and click the "Reset your BAR D Password Here" link. Remember, BAR D no longer accepts special characters like @, !, or & for new passwords.

Happy downloading!

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: 30 YEARS

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The act became law on July 25, 1990 and established important requirements regarding design and construction standards for buildings, employment protections, public accommodations and other basic rights. The ADA has made great strides in improving the lives of disabled people, and inspires those of us who provide relevant resources in accessible formats.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Hawaii State LBPD will be closed on the following holidays:

Monday, Sept. 7, 2020 Labor Day

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020 Election Day

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020 Veterans Day

Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020 Thanksgiving

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