

HAWAII STATE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED

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WINTER 2020 NEWSLETTER

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

The staff at Hawaii State LBPD wishes our patrons, volunteers and supporters all the best during this holiday season. Please celebrate safely and responsibly. We look forward to a day when we can meet again in person.

WIKI VISITS AT HAWAII PUBLIC LIBRARIES

All Hawaii Public Libraries, including Hawaii State LBPD, are now allowing limited in-person access to people who need library services. If you need to use a computer, browse the large print collection or ask questions of library staff, you can come in for a 45-minute Wiki Visit session. Sessions take place during the first 45 minutes of every hour we are open; we close the building for cleaning during the last 15 minutes. Everyone is limited to one Wiki Visit per day. We appreciate everyone's patience as we begin providing more services in a safe and responsible manner.

MEDICARE HANDBOOK

The Hawaii State LBPD has copies of "Medicare & You 2021," the handbook that provides information about Medicare coverage options, how and when you can sign up, and Medicare drug coverage. It also explains how to make

changes if your current coverage no longer meets your needs. Open enrollment for Medicare ended on December 7th, but this handbook is a very helpful resource, even if you are not planning to make enrollment changes. Please contact us at 733-8444 if you would like to borrow a copy in braille or large print.

NEWLY ADDED AUDIOBOOKS FROM THE HAWAII CATALOG

Here is a list of classic titles Hawaii State LBPD has recently added to its Hawaii book collection. Remember, they are available on digital cartridges that can be played on your Digital Talking Book Player.

Gentleman Ed Francis Presents 50th State Big Time Wrestling! (HDB 00075) by Ed Francis

Grapes of Canaan, Hawaii 1820 (HDB 00329) by Albertine Loomis

Hawaiian Shamanistic Healing (HDB 00026) by Wayne K. Powell & Patricia Miller

Holy Man: Father Damien of Molokai (HDB 00055) by Gavan Daws

Journey of Heroes (HDB 00128) by Stacey T. Hayashi

Legends of Hawaii: Oahu's Yesterday (HDB 00025) by Pilahi Paki

Peace Diet (HDB 00060) by Dr. Terry Shintani

Stories of Rell Sunn: Queen of Makaha (HDB 00024) by Greg Ambrose

Wally Yonamine: The Man Who Changed Japanese Baseball (HDB 00043) by Robert K. Fitts

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

BRAILLE BOOK DELAYS

The COVID-19 pandemic has created delays in the distribution of new hardcopy braille books. The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled has notified all the libraries in its network (including Hawaii) that it intends to distribute these books as soon as production facilities get back to normal operations. The titles that have not yet been produced will not be listed in NLS's Braille Book Review catalog. However, braille readers will be able to download all the new braille titles from BARD as electronic braille files readable on refreshable braille displays.

BRAILLE CALENDARS FOR 2021

Many of our dedicated library users request braille calendars every year. This year, the order process is different. The organization that provides them, the American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults, has been having some production difficulties for various pandemic-related reasons.

Consequently, they are trying to control the number of calendars they distribute by requesting that each individual order his or her own braille calendar by calling 410-659-9315, emailing communityrelations@actionfund.org, or ordering online at <https://www.actionfund.org/resources/braille-calendars>. They hope this ordering system will allow them to continue providing these calendars free of charge. Please call the library at 733-8444 if you have any difficulty placing an order.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Hawaii State LBPD will be closed on the following holidays:

December 25, 2020 (Friday) Christmas Day

January 1, 2021 (Friday) New Year's Day

January 18, 2021 (Monday) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 15, 2021 (Monday) Presidents 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 Managing Librarian Baron Baroza at baron.baroza@librarieshawaii.org or call 733-8444.