

HAWAII STATE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED

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SPRING 2021 NEWSLETTER

LBPD CELEBRATING 90TH ANNIVERSARY

Hawaii State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled is celebrating its 90th anniversary this Spring. On March 3, 1931, the National Library Service for the Blind was established. Hawaii's library for the blind was one of the original 19 libraries in NLS' nationwide network serving people with visual disabilities. LBPD has provided library services throughout the decades and continues to provide audio, braille, large print, and electronic downloads to qualified individuals and organizations. Vision loss doesn't mean you have to stop recreational or informational reading. If you know someone who could use our services, have them call us today at 733-8444.

VOLUNTEERS RETURNING IN APRIL

The Hawaii State LBPD will soon be able to allow its volunteers to return to the library in person. Beginning April 5, 2021, all volunteer book narrators, radio announcers, book processors and braille transcribers are once again welcome to work in our facility. Any volunteer who may be concerned about COVID-19 should be aware that the library has safety

protocols in place to reduce the risk of exposure. Please contact Nani or Laura in our Transcribing Services Section to get on the volunteer schedule.

NEWLY ADDED DVDs WITH AUDIO DESCRIPTION

Here is a list new DVDs Hawaii State LBPD has recently added to its collection. These movies can be enjoyed by people with visual disabilities because they have an audio narration track that describes the action taking place on the screen.

Mission Impossible: Fallout (DVD 00129)

Ethan and his team race against time to stop a group from using nuclear weapons to destroy civilization. PG-13.

Bloodshot (DVD 00130)

A soldier recently killed in action is brought back to life as a superhero. Starring Vin Diesel. PG-13.

The Hunt (DVD 00131)

A group of elites gather at a remote manor house to hunt ordinary people for sport. Rated R.

Pitch Perfect 3 (DVD 00134)

After graduating, the Bellas get the chance to reunite for a European USO tour. Starring Anna Kendrick. PG-13.

Sonic the Hedgehog (DVD 00135)

Sonic gets the attention of the evil Dr. Robotnik who wants to use his power for world domination. Rated PG.

Zombieland: Double Tap (DVD 00137)

Four zombie slayers must face new zombie threats and learn to live as a snarky, makeshift family. Rated R.

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

NEWLY-ADDED HAWAII AUDIOBOOKS

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.

Dr. Shintani's Eat More, Weigh Less

by Terry Shintani, M.D. (HDB 01046)

Ellison Onizuka: A Remembrance

by Dennis Ogawa & Glenn Grant (HDB 00390)

Hawaii's Iolani Palace and Its Kings and Queens

by Gwenfread E. Allen (HDB 00267)

Hawaiian Antiquities

by David Malo (HDB 00813)

In Good Company

by Cedric Yamanaka (HDB 01288)

Johnny Wilson: First Hawaiian Democrat

by Bob Krauss (HDB 01369)

To Steal a Kingdom

by Michael Dougherty (HDB 00959)

Call us at 733-8444 to request an audiobook or to get the complete list of titles available.

SPECTRUM AUDIO DESCRIPTION SERVICE

Customers of Spectrum TV may download a free app called Spectrum Access. The app enables customers to play audio description and closed captioning from the user's personal device. Once you download the app, just follow the on-screen instructions to activate the audio description feature. The app is compatible with almost 500 movies and works with any platform, from DVD, to cable, to your favorite streaming service like Hulu or Disney+.

The app is currently available only for iOS devices like iPhones or iPads, but an Android version is currently in development.

KEEP YOUR LIBRARY ACCOUNT ACTIVE

Here is a reminder to all library users: LBPD patrons must check out at least one item each calendar year in order to maintain active status. Patrons who enjoy listening to audiobooks or reading braille or large print books should contact us to request books on a regular basis. As an alternative, patrons may request "turnaround" service where we automatically send you a new cartridge of books after you've returned the old one. Library patrons who use our BARD audio or braille download service must check out at least one item every 30 days to keep the account active. If you have accidentally allowed your account to lapse, please call us at 733-8444 so we can reactivate it.

KEEP YOUR BOX

If you use a digital talking book player, please remember to keep its box in a safe place. You can use it to mail the device back to us if it malfunctions and you need a replacement. The player can be mailed back to the library postage-free via the “Free Matter for the Blind” mail program.

ANNUAL CONVENTIONS

The Hawaii Association of the Blind will present its 54th annual convention on Saturday, May 1, 2021. This year, the entire convention will take place virtually, via Zoom. The convention runs from 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM with speakers and programs throughout the day. HAB members are asked to RSVP by April 9th. Call (808) 222-8862 or email vreikok@gmail.com.

The National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii will hold its annual State Convention on May 14th and May 15th. It will also take place via video conference. Members may participate in meetings, workshops, awards ceremonies and more. The deadline to register is May 10, 2021. Call (808) 218-1542 or email NFBHpresident@gmail.com.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Hawaii State LBPD will be closed on the following holidays:

Mar. 26, 2021 (Friday) Prince Kuhio Day

Apr. 2, 2021 (Friday) Good Friday

May 31, 2021 (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 Managing Librarian. Email baron.baroza@librarieshawaii.org or call 733-8444.