

# HAWAII STATE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED

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## **FALL 2021 NEWSLETTER**

### **LIBRARY SERVICES CONTINUE**

Hawaii has seen a surge in COVID-19 cases over the Summer resulting in various restrictions on gathering and other activities. However, the Library for the Blind and Print Disabled continues to provide services to those who want to request books or ask questions about their accounts. Please feel free to contact us by phone or email any time. If you need to visit the library in person, please contact us at 808-733-8444 so we can make the necessary preparations to keep your visit as short as possible. Also please remember that face masks are required when entering the building.

### **ELECTION INFORMATION IN AUDIO OR BRAILLE**

Even though there is no local or national election this year, the State of Hawaii Office of Elections is getting ready for 2022. They have made accessible copies of the Voter Registration Form and the Absentee Voter Application available in either braille or audio as informational resources for people with visual disabilities. Hawaii LBPD can send an embossed braille copy in the mail or an audio file via email. Please contact us for more information. Call 808-733-8444 or email [olbcirc@librarieshawaii.org](mailto:olbcirc@librarieshawaii.org).

## **NLS TESTING AUDIOBOOK AND BRAILLE DEVICES**

The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) is currently testing a digital audiobook reader and an electronic braille reader. The audiobook reader, which resembles a smartphone, can be used for searching the catalog and reading audiobooks. It is operated by voice commands and is able to stream audio, permitting playback to begin immediately. The braille eReader will be similar to the commercial versions available on the market. Information received from the field tests will help NLS determine if improvements need to be made before they are made available to registered patrons.

## **BLANK CARTRIDGES AND CONTAINERS**

Have you ever wanted to download a book from BARD and thought it might be better if you could just download it directly to your own talking book cartridge? The Perkins Library in Massachusetts sells cartridges in 4, 8 and 16 GB capacities. On average, the 4 GB cartridge can hold about 400 hours of audio content. Perkins also sells the containers used to store or mail the cartridges. You can find more information on purchasing these products at [perkins.org/NLS](http://perkins.org/NLS). You can also call them toll-free at 800-852-3133.

## **HELP WITH VACCINATIONS**

Need help getting a COVID-19 vaccination? Currently, everyone aged 12 and older is eligible. And vaccinations are free regardless of your health insurance status. There are many locations where you can get vaccinated, including Longs Drugs and Walgreens, as well as Kaiser Permanente, Queen's Health System, Hawaii Pacific Health, and Castle

Hospital. Or you can use the CDC Vaccine Finder by texting your ZIP code to 438829. Need help registering for an appointment? If you are age 65 or older, call 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment over the phone and to access transportation services to and from your vaccine appointment.

## **HADLEY PODCASTS**

Hadley is an educational institution that offers practical support free of charge to anyone with a visual impairment and their families. Since 2019, Hadley has been producing free podcasts called “A Conversation with the Experts” that tackle a wide range of topics unique to vision loss. Some recent episodes include “Tips from a Low Vision Doctor,” “The Impact of Vision Loss on a Marriage,” “Questions about Glaucoma,” and “Painting Blind.” No need to register to listen. Just go to <https://hadley.edu/podcasts/hadley-presents-conversation-experts> and click on any of the 39 available episodes. Hadley also offers workshops and discussion groups for people with vision disabilities. Call 800-323-4238 for more information.

## **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.

Paradise to Paradise: The Rap Reiplinger Story by Leesa Clark Stone (HDB 00041)

Hawaii’s White Tern: Manu-O-Ku, an Urban Seabird by

Susan Scott (HDB 00057)

Father Damien: The Man and His Era by Margaret R. Bunson (HDB 00846)

Hawaii Under Army Rule by J. Garner Anthony (HDB 00847)

Kintaro's Adventures Edited by Florence Sakade (HDB 00926)

High Chiefess Ruth Keelikolani by Kristin Zambucka (HDB 00948)

Don Ho: My Music, My Life by Don Ho & Jerry Hopkins (HDB 01402)

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

### **NEWLY ADDED DVDs WITH AUDIO DESCRIPTION**

Here is a list newly-added DVDs with an audio narration track that describes the action taking place on the screen.

Infidel (DVD 00151)

An American man is kidnapped after a friend invites him to Cairo to speak about militant uprisings. Rated R.

Rocketman (DVD 00152)

A musical biography about entertainer Elton John and his breakthrough years in the music business. Rated PG-13.

Pitch Perfect (DVD 00153)

A university freshman is cajoled into joining her school's all-girls singing group to enter a campus competition. Rated PG-13.

Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald (DVD 00154)

Newt Scamander is asked to help thwart Grindelwald's plans to rule over all non-magical beings. Rated PG-13.

Avengers Endgame (DVD 00155)

After the devastation wrought by Thanos, the Avengers must assemble once more in order to undo the chaos that ensued. Rated PG-13.

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

## **UPCOMING HOLIDAYS**

Hawaii State LBPD will be closed on the following holidays:

September 6, 2021 (Monday)      Labor Day

November 11, 2021 (Thursday)      Veterans Day

November 25, 2021 (Thursday)      Thanksgiving

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 Manager by calling 733-8444 or emailing [baron.baroza@librarieshawaii.org](mailto:baron.baroza@librarieshawaii.org).