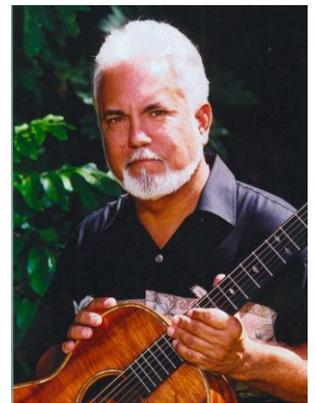
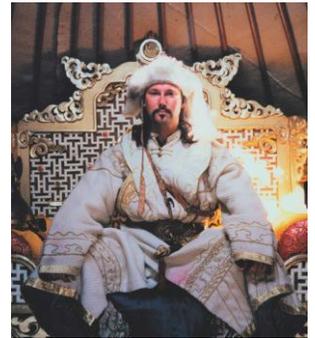
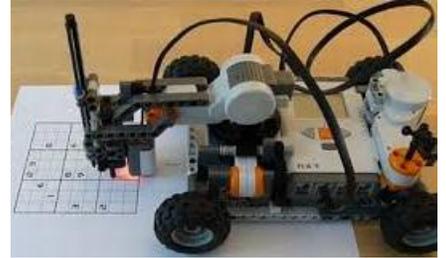


## State Librarian's Report April 15, 2014

### 1. STEAM Programs Featured During National Library Week

In celebration of National Library Week 2014, Hawaii's public libraries will offer a variety of free educational STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math)-related programs throughout the month of April. Programs have already begun, and upcoming programs include:

- The Insect World featuring entomologist Dr. Ryan Caesar of the University of Hawaii, Manoa's Dept. of Plant & Environmental Protection Sciences who will discuss insect biology and native Hawaiian insect biodiversity and conservation
- Lego Robotics, with Sacred Hearts Academy teachers Peter Park and Dawn Robinson demonstrating how to build a LEGO Mindstorms NXT Robot and how to program basic robot behaviors using motors and rotation, sound, light, touch and ultrasonic sensors
- The Science of Tools, Armor and Weapons featuring Greywolf, a Native American with more than 10 years of experience in weapons smithing and Hawaii's only professional medieval armorer, who will present a hands-on experience featuring authentic handcrafted weapons and antiques, period costumes, demonstrations, and audience participation
- Computer Security 101 with Sacred Hearts Academy teacher Deborah Kula discussing simple techniques to keep your computers and electronic devices secure including successful password strategies, update procedures, protection from viruses, worms and other malware
- Light and Spectra will be presented by the University of Hawaii Institute for Astronomy, demonstrating how astronomers use the light given off by planets, stars, and galaxies to understand their composition and temperature
- A Tribute to Slack Key, with John Keawe, a multiple Na Hoku Hanohano and Hawaii Music Awards recipient, playing performing selections from his original compositions as well as the music of Raymond Kane, Leonard Kwan, and others
- Search for Planets Outside Our Solar System with Astronomer Dr. Andrew Howard of the University of Hawaii Institute for Astronomy with an illuminating presentation about the hunt for exoplanets and the quest for another Earth. Since 1995, more than 3,000 exoplanets have been discovered including recent discoveries of those the size of Earth.



See the HSPLS website [www.librarieshawaii.org](http://www.librarieshawaii.org) for locations, dates and times.

## 2. Kids eReading Room on HSPLS Website

HSPLS has added a special Kids eReading Room to our ebook website. The site has customized content that young readers are able to access directly, without needing to sort through ebooks intended for older readers. The checkout and holds processes are the same, so when kids are ready to use HSPLS full ebook collection, they will already know how and will feel at home and at ease.



## 3. Money Smart Week at Hawaii State Library

The Hawaii State Library presented three special programs during Money Smart Week, April 5-12:

- Protecting Yourself from Identity Theft – Karen Ho, a financial educator with one of Hawaii's largest federal credit unions, shared information about identity theft and how individuals can protect themselves
- The Library's Young Adult Section hosted Teens! Spin the Financial Literacy Wheel of Fortune inviting teens to play games, win prizes, and learn about budgeting and saving with Fain McDaniel and Rosita Chang of Junior Achievement of Hawaii and students from the University of Hawaii, Manoa Financial Literacy program. Left to right: Librarian Willis Oshiro, student helper Annie Guo, Librarian Suzanne Uratani and Library Technician Christine Ng
- A special Family Storytime in the Edna Allyn Room helped young listeners learn about money through stories and crafts.



## 4. Reading Under the Stars– Family Literacy Night on Molokai

100 children and parents attended Reading Under the Stars, Molokai's Annual Family Literacy Night, Friday, March 7. Molokai Public Library Branch Manager Sri Tencate was a guest speaker and since the theme revolved around award-winning children's author Eric Carle and his works, Ms. Tencate read his book "From Head to Toe," with audience participation. The night's craft activities were all related to Carle's stories, and at the Library's table, children created their own butterflies using colorful tissue paper. Next on the program, everyone in attendance was treated to "dinner," consisting of some of the different foods the caterpillar ate in Carle's book, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". The evening concluded with an animated movie based on Eric Carle's books.

