

State Librarian's Report May 20, 2014

1. Summer Reading Programs, 2014

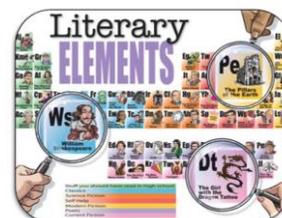
The Hawaii State Public Library System's annual Summer Reading Programs for the entire family, our most popular and beloved programs, will begin Sunday, June 1 and will continue through Saturday, July 12. This year's programs will explore all things related to Science. The Children's Summer Reading Program theme "Fizz, Boom, Read" will allow children – from infants to those entering grade 6 this fall – to experiment with building lava lamps, launching rockets and creating a solar system mobile. HouseMart Ace Hardware and Ben Franklin Crafts will present "Hardware Science," a special program featuring hands-on experiences using simple equipment and tools available at hardware and craft stores, for ages 8 and older in selected Big Island, Kauai, Maui, and Oahu libraries. The activities and this program will provide keiki with a fun learning experience about Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math (STEAM) concepts. Science exploration continues for teens – students entering grade 7 to 2014 high school graduates – with "Spark a Reaction," the theme of the Teen Summer Reading Program, and for adults – patrons age 18 and older – "Literary Elements" is this year's Adult Summer Reading Program theme. Participants who visit their local library and read at least one book per week are eligible to receive a free weekly reading incentive, while supplies last. For more information: visit www.librarieshawaii.org, like us at www.facebook.com/HSPLSHIgov, follow us on www.twitter.com/HSPLSHIgov, call your local public library, or pick up a copy of the June 2014 issue of our newsletter, Holo I Mua.



CHILDREN'S
INFANTS/TODDLERS TO GRADE 6



TEENS
GRADE 7 TO GRADE 12
(INCLUDES 2014 GRADUATES)



ADULTS
AGE 18 & OLDER

2. Robotics Programs a Big Success

During April's National Library Week, many HSPLS libraries hosted robotics programs, which were very popular, especially with children. Included among the comments library staff received regarding these programs:

- from a grandmother who came with her grandson: "The look on his [her grandson's] face when his robot worked was amazing."
- from a mother who came with her daughter: "I'm so glad the library has this kind of program. My daughter's school has robotics after school, but you need to pay to participate."
- "The kids had a good time putting their robot together and programming it, it was great to see them figuring things out on their own, and they were all so excited when they got their robot to move around."



3. Special Parents Information Network (SPIN) Conference

"Hit a Home Run with SPIN!" was the theme of the Special Parents Information Network (SPIN) Conference held on Saturday, April 5th at the University of Hawaii, Manoa Campus Center. The Conference's goal was to showcase some of the opportunities

that families have to create positive futures for their children with special needs. Staff members from the Hawaii State Library and the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) represented HSPLS with a table, and provided information about our free print and electronic resources available to assist attendees, parents, teachers, social workers, and students, and inform them about the various free services that LBPH provides for qualified visually impaired patrons.



4. "Eyes of Hawaii" Photography Display at Hawaii State Library

The Eyes of Hawaii Photography Club's eighth annual exhibit is currently on display in the Hawaii State Library lobby, through May 29. This colorful and eye-catching photo exhibit is suitable for all ages, and may be viewed during normal library hours. In 2001, the Eyes of Hawaii Photography Club was established by a group of enthusiastic photography students at Kaimuki Community School for Adults, and today it has grown to more than 100 members. The Club presented its inaugural photo exhibit in 2004 at the former Sam Choy's Diamond Head Restaurant, and since then the Club's photos have been featured at the Hawaii State Library as well as several other Honolulu venues. As a registered non-profit corporation, the Club also provides photographic support to many community service and educational organizations. (Photo by Rita Kaku, 2014)



5. HSPLS Participates in Hawaii Book & Music Festival

HSPLS staff once again participated in the annual Hawaii Book & Music Festival on the Civic Grounds near Honolulu Hale. Volunteer staff members spoke with about 400 attendees at this year's event, sharing information about our online, digital and print materials, programs and services. They also distributed information about our upcoming Summer Reading Programs for Children, Teens and Adults.

