State Librarian's Report
Board of Education General Business Meeting
June 17, 2014

Nanakuli Public Library and Future Hawaii State Library System Libraries

The Hawaii State Public library System (HSPLS) currently has five libraries in some stage of planning, design or development, as well as a library expansion project, and we will be part of a Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) redevelopment project.

1. **Aiea Public Library** is scheduled to celebrate a Grand Opening on Saturday, July 19 at 10 am. Governor Neil Abercrombie is scheduled to attend, and all Board Members are invited to join us on the 19th. This 17,200-square-foot Library is located on the site of the former Aiea Sugar Mill at 99-374 Pohai Place.

2. **Nanakuli Public Library** – the planning and design phase is coming to a close and Governor Abercrombie has released the full $15.5 million appropriated for construction. Bids are due this week, and we expect to have a ground breaking ceremony in late 2014. The Library will be located on the mauka side of the 89-100 block of Farrington Highway, at the former site of Camp Andrews and adjacent to Nanaikapono Elementary School. The Library was designed by Glenn Miura of CDS International, who also designed our Libraries in North Kohala, which was HSPLS' first LEED Gold library, as well as Kapolei Public Library and our new Aiea Public Library.

3. **Waikoloa Public Library** – Governor Abercrombie has released $800,000 for the new Waikoloa Public Library. $275,000 was assigned to the planning phase, which included the final Project Development Report in April 2014, and a site recommendation offered by the Waikoloa Community Association (WCA). We have received a tentative proposal for a donation of land from the WCA, and will be negotiating this through DAGS and eventually DLNR, and State Land Board approval will be required. The remaining $525,000 from this appropriation will be for the design phase of this project with all funds encumbered and allotted so they will not lapse at the end of the current fiscal year FY 2014.

4. **Makiki Public Library** – Governor Abercrombie has released $250,000 for planning for a new library in Makiki. The Governor is very interested in this project as are members of the Makiki community, district legislators, city council members, and many others. As a result, several community planning meetings have already been held and the consensus seems to favor converting the old

Makiki Community Library (1527 Keeaumoku St.), which is operated by 2 part-time staff members and volunteers and is open twelve (12) hours per week, into the new Makiki Public Library. Because this library is located on City & County of Honolulu property, we will be meeting and negotiating with them on this acquisition. Alternate sites will also be included in a site feasibility study.

5. **Puna District Library** – the 2014 legislature appropriated $800,000 for planning and design for a new library in the Puna district, on the east side of the Big Island. We are waiting for the Governor to sign the budget bill into law and will be requesting release of these funds next year. The Puna region is one of the fastest growing districts in the state, and our closest libraries in Pahoa, Keaau and Mountain View, all Public and School Libraries, are among our smallest.

6. **Naalehu Public Library** currently provides public service from a portable trailer. In a partnership with the Friends of the Library of Hawaii and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, grant funds were received to acquire an additional trailer in order to provide increased access, programs and services to neighboring communities near the southern end of the Big Island. The new portable is already on the Big Island, and we are working on the permitting and infrastructure at the library property to be completed. We are planning for installation to be completed in early 2015. Naalehu is one of our busiest libraries when measured by circulations per staff member.

7. **690 Pohukaina Street** – HSPLS' Logistical Services Section (LSS), which manages our warehousing, supplies and delivery operations, is currently located at 690 Pohukaina Street. This location is the planned site of a mixed use redevelopment project by the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA). We anticipate that we will need to vacate the premises at the end of 2014 or beginning of 2015 to make way for the development of the parcel, and we plan to move LSS to the old Aiea Public library location in the interim and eventually into a DAGS warehouse in Mapunapuna. When the new building is completed, it will include civic space for a small Library and most of HSPLS' administrative offices.

In the past few years, we have opened new replacement libraries in North Kohala and Manoa, both of which earned LEED Gold Certification. These two libraries, as well as the new Aiea Public Library are approximately twice the size of their predecessors, but HSPLS has received no additional staffing or funding to operate these buildings.

The cost of a quality public library extends beyond the costs of planning, design and construction. We need additional staff positions, adequate funding to develop and maintain quality collections, programs and services, and operational funds to maintain these buildings in a safe and healthy manner. HSPLS will need additional staff positions, funding to develop broad and deep materials collections, and operating funds to open and maintain these new libraries.

HSPLS and our staff members have earned a well-deserved reputation for our high level of quality, professional collections, programs and services, and to maintain this reputation as well as to meet the demands of our patrons across the state, we need adequate staffing and funding for all our libraries.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the Board for extending my contract through December 31, 2014, at which time I will be retiring after more than thirty years with the Hawaii State Public Library System, the final seven as State Librarian.

Working closely with the Board of Education, we have developed a Strategic Plan for 2014-18, which sets the course for the future of the Hawaii State Public Library System, which builds on our earlier accomplishments and establishes educational, informational and cultural and community engagement goals, strategies and measures. We have laid the foundation for the Library System's future, and meeting the goals of this Plan will allow the people of Hawaii to be better prepared for academic, career and community success, and to lead more engaged, fulfilling lives.

I am extremely proud of all that our staff has been able to accomplish over the past several years in terms of increased public service hours and days; dramatically improved and increased collections, both electronic and print; an entirely rebuilt technology infrastructure; and providing greater value than ever before for the people of Hawaii. That they could make this amount of progress at all is impressive; to have been able to do so in an era of budget and personnel reductions, hiring freezes, furloughs, and pay reductions is truly amazing.

I am grateful to both the current and previous Board of Education and all their members who have supported the Hawaii State Public Library System over the past seven years. Most of all, I am honored to have been able to work with the dedicated staff members of the Hawaii State Public System, who make our fifty libraries throughout the state the essential, cherished and beloved institutions that they have become in their communities.

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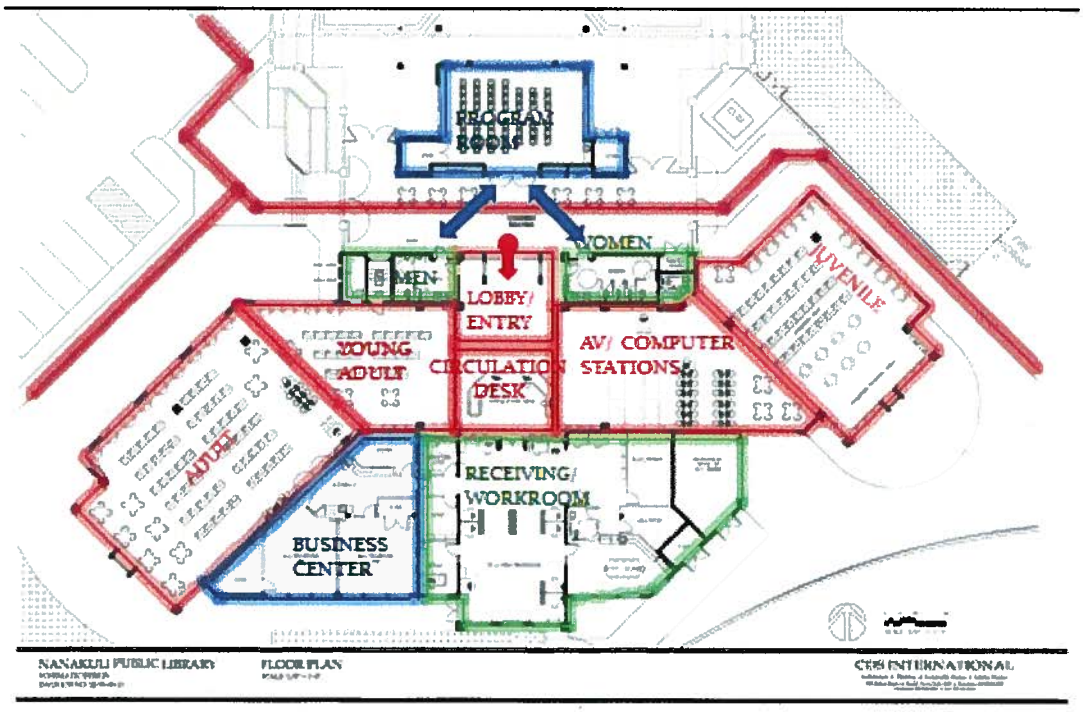
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