

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

June 19, 2012

1. Manoa Public Library Grand Opening

Governor Abercrombie emphasized that a free public library system is among the four cornerstones of democracy, along with the right to vote, the right to sue the king and the right to a jury of one's peers, during his remarks at the Grand Opening of the new Manoa Public Library. Board of Education Chairman Donald Horner and Senator Brian Taniguchi also addressed the crowd of more than 300 library enthusiasts and supporters gathered to celebrate the library's return on June 9. Those present were pleased and impressed with their library, and we look forward to providing educational, informational and lifelong learning resources, programs and services for the entire Manoa community for many decades to come. Manoa Public Library's public service hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday from noon to 8 p.m.; and Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and the telephone number is 988-0459.



Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Councilwoman Ann Kobayashi, Senator Brian Taniguchi, Manoa Public Library Branch Manager Christel Collins, Governor Neil Abercrombie, Richard Burns (L-R)

2. Summer Reading Program

The Hawaii State Public Library System's (HSPLS) Annual Summer Reading Programs have begun, and will continue through July 7. This year we expect more than 23,000 people to participate in targeted programs for Children, Young Adults and Adults. Dozens of special events will also be conducted at libraries statewide in conjunction with these programs. The reading programs and special events are all free. It has been frequently and well documented that children who participate in Summer Reading Programs return to school more ready to learn, demonstrate improved performance which is sustained throughout the academic year, are more confident in classroom situations and activities, and score higher on standardized tests. A list of upcoming programs attached.

3. Friends of the Library of Hawaii 65th Annual Book Sale

The Friends of the Library of Hawaii (FLH) will conduct their 65th Annual Book Sale from Saturday, June 23 through Sunday, July 1 at McKinley High School. There will be a special preview sale for Friends Members on Friday, June 22, a 50% off sale on Saturday, June 30, and the final day, Sunday, July 1 all books will be fifty cents. More

than 100,000 used books will be on sale, and food will be available for purchase throughout the week. Special 25% discounts are available for HSPLS staff, teachers and active duty military on weekdays, June 25-29. Proceeds from the Book Sale fund Summer Reading Program events, activities and incentives for participants, fall and winter reading programs, National Library Week activities and events, numerous programs and activities at branches throughout the year, continuing education for library staff, graduate school scholarships for library science students, discretionary funds for all libraries, and technology upgrades. For hours, additional information, to volunteer, or to become a member, please visit the Friends at www.friendsofthelibrary.org or call 536-4174.

4. HSPLS Hosts Booth During Aging in Place Workshop

HSPLS staff members from the Hawaii State Library (HSL) and the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) participated as an exhibitor during the 6th annual "Aging in Place" Workshop, which was held on Saturday, May 26, 2012, at the Ala Moana Hotel. More than 500 seniors, their families and caregivers attended, and HSPLS staff shared the diverse services HSPLS has available to seniors and their caregivers. We distributed information on library services such as the Microsoft IT Academy, our new wireless internet access, our collection of online databases and our e-books and audiobooks, as well as our library programs and materials on aging and caring for the aged. LBPH demonstrated the digital talking book machine, displayed large print materials, and shared Information on LBPH's services to the visually challenged.

5. HSPLS Adds E-book Collection

HSPLS has added a MAX Access subscription to the Duke Classic ebook collection from OverDrive, the nation's primary provider of ebooks for public libraries. This collection includes 50 classic titles on subjects ranging from philosophy, to religion and history, to fiction, and they are available on the HSPLS ebook site with no limitation on the number of concurrent borrowers. (<http://hawaii.lib.overdrive.com/2327EAA4-7866-4445-9745-350AA178AD94/10/252/en/Default.htm>).

6. Hawaii State Library's Federal Documents Section Honored

The Hawaii State Library's Federal Documents Section is featured in the June 2012 FDLP Desktop. Patrons may complete and submit passport applications, search census data, access a wide variety of business-related information, find tax forms and other IRS-related information, and research intellectual property such as patents and trademarks. The Section's website is located at <http://librarieshawaii.org/FedDocs/index.html>. The FDLP Desktop is the centralized resource for the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), which disseminates U.S. Government information to the American public through libraries across the nation. The feature article can be viewed at http://www.fdlp.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1258:hawaiilibrary-junespotlight&catid=186:spotlight&Itemid=150