



PROGRAMS @ YOUR LIBRARY FY 2013

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) strives to be the educational, informational, public access computing and cultural heart of Hawaii, meeting the life-long learning needs of our diverse population. Our myriad of program offerings range from teaching our keiki reading readiness skills (shapes, colors, alphabets, numbers, senses) to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) concepts, to enriching and entertaining presentations focusing on Hawaii, history, culture, performing arts, and careers all devoted to preparing students to lead engaging and successful lives in school and our ever-changing world.

In FY'13, the Hawaii State Public Library System conducted a grand total of **9,591 programs**, including in-branch visits and outreach in the community, reaching **273,516 patrons**. This is a 10.3% increase in number of programs offered and a 23.2% increase in attendance over FY'12 with 8,694 programs offered and attended by 222,018 participants. Aligned with the DOE and BOE's primary goal to improve student achievement, 66% of these events were for children, 22% were for teens, and 12% were aimed at adults.

Funding for these programs was provided by State General Funds, the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, local Friends groups, and in-kind partnerships with non-profit, corporate and academic agencies and individual authors, and artists.

Children's and Teen programs

Library staff conducted weekly Toddler and Preschool storytimes, Puzzle Times, music education, Brickfun for Kids Lego Building, teaching your Keiki to sign, creating a caterpillar sculpture, SAT test preparation, digital cartooning, and slam poetry.

Humanities and Cultural Programs

Libraries hosted Black History Month, bon dance, Ainu music, Celtic music, Hawaiian Slack Key, Korean music, Tongan lei making, Hanafuda (Japanese card game), painting with Kapa dyes, Making Sense of the American Civil War—150th Anniversary including Hawaii Sons of the Civil War lecture and discussions, and free screenings of blockbuster movies.

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math)

Programs included an interactive bean plant summer activity, Mad Science, Mini Con, creating comic books, Free Comic Book Day, Rainbow Pigeons, Rabbitry, Star Wars Reads Day, Spend a Night with the Stars (UH Institute of Astronomy), mask making, SAT Test strategies, Money Smart Week featuring Young Entrepreneurs, Keiki Bicycle Safety Rodeo, Zoology careers, protecting our ocean, Discovering the Classics, history of Dr. Sun Yat Sen on Maui, Maui's Fallen Heroes, and Light Photography workshop for teens.





Arts & Crafts

Kalihi-Palama Public Library’s “Bring Your Own Craft” programs, Using Recycled Materials to create things, the art of furoshiki gift wrapping, ukulele design and construction, printing with root vegetables, ikebana Japanese flower demonstration, vegan cuisine demonstration, and quick and healthy meals.



100th Anniversary of the Hawaii State Library

A year-long celebration featuring special programs and exhibits including the Royal Hawaiian Band, Scottish bag pipes, musicians, artists, and authors.



Informational, Author, Book Discussions

Preventing child abuse, feng shui, acupuncture and your health, maximizing your social security benefits, understanding Medicare options, 529 college savings plans, and getting family legal affairs organized.



Technology

Equipped with updated public computers and high-speed broadband, library staff increased presentations of technology programs—Safe Internet computing, digital literacy, accessing the IT Academy, Learn4Life, Powerspeak Languages, e-Learning online courses, how to create email accounts, surf the Internet, encouraging use of the HSPLS’s 85 online databases, eBook, audiobooks collections, and to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

“Thanks for this offering of rare ethnic music; what a wonderful cultural experience.”

Hawaii State Library Patron



“Our ohana is very grateful to HSPLS and their sponsors for helping to create this fun, educational and family-centered activity.”

Kaimuki Public Library Patron



“We love growing the bean plant, the Bento Rakugo show, concerts and crafts! Thank you!”

Kapolei Public Library Patron



Total Number of Programs, Visits & Outreach			
Age Level	# of Programs	Attendance	Percentage
Children	6,335	182,054	66%
Teen	2,115	53,177	22%
Adult	1,141	38,285	12%
Totals	9,591	273,516	

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