

State Librarian's Report November 19, 2013

1. Waipahu Public Library Adds Saturday Hours

Waipahu Public Library has adjusted their public service schedule to include Saturday hours. The Library's new public service hours will be:

- Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sunday, Monday-Closed

Waipahu Public Library joins our branches in Kaimuki, Kalihi, Pahala and Wahiawa as libraries that have either increased their public service hours or have added weekend hours in the past year.

2. HSPLS Redesigns Home Page

HSPLS has redesigned our Home Page (www.librarieshawaii.org) to allow patrons to access more information faster. Visitors will now immediately see multiple links to collections, programs and services, as well as locations, hours, announcements and a wealth of additional information and links. Please visit our website to experience the changes.

3. Annual Children and Youth Day at the State Capitol

On Sunday, October 6, 2013 the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) participated in the 20th annual Children and Youth Day (CYD) at the Capitol. HSPLS has been participating for practically the entire 20 years, and each year the event has grown and attracted more participants and visitors. CYD celebrates the youth of Hawaii and aims to inform families of the many services and programs available to them. HSPLS hosts a booth every year to inform and answer any questions the public may have about library programs, collections and services. Crafts and a game or activity based on a children's book are also prepared for the estimated 40,000 people that attend the celebration throughout the day. This year's craft was making a selection of literary character-inspired hats. The materials preparation and coordination of the booth's volunteers is spearheaded by the Hawaii State Library's Children's Section. This year we were happy to have the assistance of 18 volunteers that included HSPLS librarians from all specializations and Library and Information Science students from the University of Hawaii.

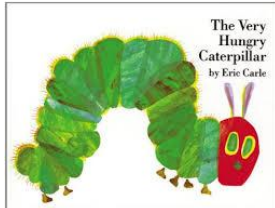


4. Children's and Young Adult Librarians Meetings

HSPLS' Children's, Young Adult and Youth Services Librarians from across the state met in the first week of November to discuss such topics as Common Core State

Standards, increasing science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) programming in libraries, the American Library Association's Every Child Ready to Read Initiative and planning for our upcoming year of science themed programs, including Teen Tech Week, our Summer Reading Programs, and culminating with the inaugural Hawaii Science Festival, planned for October 2014.

5. Very Hungry Caterpillar at Kapolei Public Library



This past summer, Kapolei Public Library Librarians Diane Todd and Rose DeNucci partnered with local artist Alison Bishop to put together, teach and follow through on the creation of a 12 foot long rendition of Eric Carle's iconic Very Hungry Caterpillar (book cover at left). During a special Saturday program, young patrons took turns applying glue to pre-cut Styrofoam segments and then placed colored tissue paper onto the glue. The children were told

that they were participating in a community project that would be enjoyed for many years to come. Once the segments were dry, they were delivered to the art studio, and over the next 6 weeks, Alison and her valued assistant Courtney, finished the caterpillar. During the celebration of Kapolei Public Library's 9th Anniversary, Alison and Courtney hung the caterpillar in the Children's Room. The caterpillar hangs from clear wire and almost appears to be free-floating in the air. It became an instant photo op and continues to elicit ooh's and aah's from patrons of all ages.



6. E-Books May Now be Renewed Via HSPLS Website

HSPLS' primary e-book provider, OverDrive, now offers the option for patrons to be able to renew their e-books online, provided they are not overdue and there are no waiting lists for that particular title. This is an option which HSPLS has implemented to improve, enhance and expand the e-book experience for our patrons.

7. Managers' Meetings Conducted in October

HSPLS Administrators have completed our quarterly Managers' Meetings on Oahu, Kauai, Maui and the Big Island. Managers were able to network with other on-island managers, and received updates on budget priorities, upcoming new programs (HSPLS Mobile pilot project, Zinio Online Magazines and Mango Languages Hawaiian language learning course) and system technology plans and changes; training for recruitment, interviewing and hiring, and information on the federal Affordable Care Act and the HawaiiHealthConnector.com.

On behalf of the Hawaii State Public Library System,
thank you for your support and we wish you and all our patrons a
Happy Thanksgiving!

