

BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

May 15, 2012
State Librarian's Report



1. New Manoa Public Library Grand Opening, Saturday, June 9, 10 a.m.

The new Manoa Public Library will celebrate its Grand Opening Saturday, June 9 at 10 a.m. All Board Members will receive formal invitations to the Grand Opening Celebration. The interim library, which has been operating out of two portable classrooms at Noelani Elementary School while the new building was being constructed across the street, will permanently close May 5 at 5 p.m.

2. Institute of Museum and Library Services Awards HSPLS \$1.16 Million Grant

The federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) awarded a grant of nearly \$1.16 million to the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS). IMLS distributes these funds each year as part of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), the primary source of federal funding for America's libraries. HSPLS is using the grant money to fund recent enhanced technology services, such as the HSPLS Microsoft IT Academy, Sirsi-Dynix Enterprise website portal, ChiliFresh global patron interaction platform, Horizon online renewal option, the Gale Cengage Powerspeak Languages database as well as continuing access to our online database collections, other popular resources such as eBooks and digital audio books, and to pay for network costs.

3. Summer Reading Programs, June 4 to July 7

Registration for this year's Summer Reading Programs for all ages will begin May 27, and the free program will take place from June 4 through July 7. Program themes are "Dream Big READ" (children), "Own the Night" (teen), and "Between the Covers" (adult). Libraries statewide will offer special programs, performances and events during the Summer Reading Program. For the first time, HSPLS and the Department of Education are collaborating to target students in kindergarten through second grade. Please contact your local library or visit the HSPLS website at www.librarieshawaii.org.

4. Molokai Public Library will Celebrate 75 Years

Molokai Public library will celebrate its 75th Anniversary Wednesday, May 23 with several special events on the front lawn from 1 to 5 pm. Inside the library will be a slide show of library programs, artwork by public school students and Molokai artists, pictures of other library events and a display of books about Molokai and by Molokai authors.



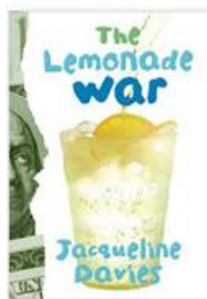
5. Makawao Public Library Hosts Maui's Fallen Heroes Display

Maui resident Janna Hoehn, a volunteer for the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., will conduct a one-hour presentation and discuss the Maui Fallen Heroes project, in which she researched for seven months and found a photo of every Maui soldier (total of 42) who was killed in the Vietnam War. The photos will be part of the virtual wall at the new Education Center adjacent to the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial. The program will be Monday, May 14, 6:30 p.m., and the exhibit will be on display at the library from May 14 through 24.



6. Nene Award Vote Ends in a Tie

For the first time in the 53 year history of the Nene Award, voting ended in a tie. The Nene Award is presented annually to the favorite fiction book based on a vote by Hawaii's children in grades 4 through 6, and this year, a total of 6,519 students from 80 public libraries, private and public schools statewide cast their votes. This year's two winners are: The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick and The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies. Best-selling author Michael Buckley, who won the 2011 Nene Award for his book NERDS: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society, was the guest speaker and announced the co-winners April 12 before an audience of more than 700 at the Hawaii Okinawa Center. The photo below includes the student contest winners with distinguished guests (2nd row, l-r) Stewart Chun, HLA past-President; Alana Deppe-Mariota, Follett Library Resources; Cheryl Kauhane Lupenui, Board of Education member; author Michael Buckley; State Librarian Richard Burns; Mysti LePage, Nene Award Chairperson; and Tamar Nite, Scholastic Book Fairs.



7. Eyes of Hawaii Photography Club Display at Hawaii State Library, May 3 – 31

The Eyes of Hawaii Photography Club's sixth annual exhibit is on display in the Hawaii State Library's lobby and first floor reading room through May 31. This year's exhibit will feature more than 40 photos taken in 2011 and early 2012, including landscapes, animals, people and events from Hawaii as well as various national and international

destinations. The Eyes of Hawaii Photography Club was established in 2001 by a small group of enthusiastic photography students at Kaimuki Community School for Adults, and today, the Club has grown to more than 130 members.

8. Library Advocates Gathered in Washington for 38th Annual National Library Legislative Day

Federal Documents Librarian Stewart Chun, the HSPLS Employee of the Year, and State Librarian Richard Burns visited with Senator Akaka and staff members in the offices of Senator Inouye, Representative Hanabusa and Representative Hirono to discuss library-related issues and concerns, including funding for the Library Services and Technology Act (see item above), the current state of the library e-book market and other issues of national concern. More than 350 librarians and library supporters from across the country met with members of Congress in Washington, D.C. to discuss key library issues during the American Library Association's 38th annual National Library Legislative Day.