

State Librarian's Report May 21, 2013

1. State Fiscal Biennium Budget Finalized

The final biennium budget for the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) as appropriated by the state legislature includes:

- Operating funds of approximately \$29 million in fiscal year 2014 and \$28.5 million in fiscal year 2015
- Elimination of seven and one half (7.5) positions from our total staff of 555.5 FTE
- An increase of \$700,000 for ebooks and other library materials in year one and *no funding for library books and other materials in fy 2015*
- \$3 million in year one and \$2 million in year two for CIP and health and safety projects (\$1.5 million less than we requested)
- \$15.5 million to construct a new library in Nanakuli (funds will need to be released by the Governor)
- \$250,000 for a site feasibility study and initial planning for a new library in Makiki
- No funding for the additional staff positions which are required to expand weekend public service hours at additional libraries. We will continue to fill vacant positions and work with available staff to fulfill the intent of the Board's Access Policy, which states "...all state libraries to the extent possible shall use their best efforts to expand their hours of operation to include weekend hours."

Provisos require HSPLS to develop a very detailed strategic plan that will need to be submitted in June 2014, and HSPLS will need to drastically reduce our current number of temporary positions, upon which we have been relying to maintain days and hours of operation. This will be accomplished by filling vacant positions with permanent staff members.

2. *Midweek* Features HSPLS and the Hawaii State Library's Centennial on May 1, 2013 Cover Story

The cover story of *Midweek* Magazine's May 1 issue discussed the modern Hawaii State Public Library System and the Hawaii State Library's Centennial Anniversary. A Letter to the Editor from the State Librarian was printed in the May 8 issue.



3. Summer Reading Programs will be conducted June 2 to July 7

Our annual Summer Reading Programs, the Hawaii State Public Library System's (HSPLS) most popular and beloved programs, will be conducted from June 2 through July 6 at public libraries statewide. This year's program themes are "Dig into Reading" (Children); "Beneath the Surface" (Young Adult); and "Groundbreaking Read" (Adult). We encourage readers of all ages to participate in the free Programs, and you can register at any public library beginning May 28. Participants who visit their local library and read at least one book per week are eligible to receive a free weekly reading incentive, while supplies last. In addition to reading, the programs will feature storytelling performances by outstanding storytellers and artists. Performance programs will be highlighted in the June issue of *Holo I Mua*, on the HSPLS website: www.librarieshawaii.org, and our Facebook page and Twitter accounts – www.facebook.com/HSPLSHIgov, and www.twitter.com/HSPLSHIgov.



4. Kapolei Public Library Hosts Summer Reading Program Kick-Off Event May 28

HSPLS and D.R. Horton-Schuler Division will kick-off the Children's Summer Reading Program with a special event at Kapolei Public Library Tuesday, May 28, from 10:30 to 12:30. The schedule for the kick-off event includes:

- Free gardening kit with seeds, biodegradable pot and soil available throughout the event
- 10:30 a.m. – Planting demonstration (30 minutes) presented by Geobunga
- 11:15 a.m. – “DIG In Now” hands-on activity outside the Library for children to start their gardening kit or to take home the kit to “DIG in Later”
- Suggested reading book display for gardening, plants, composting along with building tools and equipment
- Worm composting display and expertise provided by Ulu Wai Ministry (throughout the event)
- Free refreshments
- Free giveaways and door prize drawings (must be present to win)
- Sign up for the Children's Summer Reading Program throughout the day

5. HSPLS Customer Satisfaction Survey

As part of our strategic planning process, HSPLS has begun distributing Customer Satisfaction Surveys at various outreach events in which staff participate. These surveys will be available in print form in our branches from June 16 to July 31, and will be available online during the same time period. A separate survey of HSPLS staff will be available online from June 16 – July 31 as well. A copy of the public survey is attached.

6. Hawaii State Public Library System Upgrades Internet Reservation System

In 2012, the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) recorded an astounding 600,855 Internet sessions in our 50 libraries statewide. To accommodate current and increasing demand for internet reservations, we are upgrading our Smart Access Management (SAM) Internet reservation system statewide. SAM is a computer-based system that allows users to reserve and register for Internet sessions; it helps HSPLS maximize the use of public Internet computers, enhances customer privacy, expedites the reservation and registration process, and ensures equal access for our patrons. To lessen the impact on library patrons, the upgrade is being scheduled during a traditionally slow period of the year and as much as possible on days when the libraries are scheduled to be closed. This upgrade will take several weeks to complete and will occur island by island, branch by branch.