

BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
February 17, 2011
State Librarian's Report

1. 7th Annual Molokai Keiki Festival

The 7th Annual Molokai Keiki Festival was held last month, and Molokai Public Library and Read to Me, Molokai have participated in all seven. The goals of this community event are to build public awareness and understanding of early childhood education, to provide families an opportunity to access the many services and programs on island, to encourage early registration for Kindergarten, and to strengthen the network of services on island. Through participation in this event, the Library has encouraged new patrons and their families to apply for library cards, use the library, and attend the monthly Read to Me programs on the first Wednesday of the month. (Photo on right below shows families participating in craft activities and applying for library cards).



2. Librarian of the Year and Excellence in Service Awards Ceremony, Friends Annual Meeting, Thursday, February 24, Hawaii State Library, 5:50 – 7:30

The Friends of the Library of Hawaii will present their annual Librarian of the Year and Excellence in Service Awards on Thursday, February 24 from 5:30 – 7:30 at the Hawaii State Library. This year's winners are: Fran Corcoran, Branch Manager at Kahuku Public and School Library, Librarian of the Year; and Excellence in Service Awardees: Jean Ann Flaherty of Princeville Public Library and Irmagard Pickard of Pearl City Public Library. The Friends will hold their annual meeting in conjunction with this Award Ceremony. There is no fee for Board Members who wish to attend; please RSVP through the Board office or by email to mae@friendsofthelibraryofhawaii.org.



3. State and Federal Tax Forms are Available at Most HSPLS Libraries

Hawaii State Tax Forms are available at all our public libraries once again this year, courtesy of a continuing partnership between the Hawaii State Public Library System and the State Department of Taxation. Most branches have Federal tax forms as well. Hawaii state tax forms, Federal forms and forms from other states may be accessed around the clock remotely via our online database LegalForms, from Gale Cengage Learning. This database may be accessed at www.librarieshawaii.org: under "e-Resources" click on "Other Databases," scroll down to click on "LegalForms," then click on the appropriate link to individual state or federal tax offices. Library staff will supply forms, but are not trained to assist with tax questions or preparation.

4. Tax Check-Off Box Campaign

Since 2004, Hawaii taxpayers have been able to support Hawaii's public libraries by donating \$2.00 from an individual state tax return or \$4.00 from a joint return. Over the years, thousands of taxpayers have donated \$500,000 to HSPLS. These donated funds have enabled us to purchase books published about Hawaii as well as additional copies of many children's books and other materials. These funds have allowed us to purchase materials which we would otherwise be unable to provide for our patrons, and we encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to make a donation to Hawaii's public libraries.

5. Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) Manager Retires

Fusako Miyashiro, Branch Manager for the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH), has retired after a distinguished career spanning four decades with HSPLS. Ms. Miyashiro was the 1990 HSPLS Employee of the Year, and helped introduce digital technology to LBPH materials and services. She developed strong ties with her community and with patrons throughout the Pacific region, and she will be missed by all.

6. Isabella Bird Programs and Exhibit Featured at the Hawaii State Library

"In the Footsteps of Isabella Bird: Adventures in Twin Time Travel," continues at the Hawaii State Library through April 2. Bird published Six Months in the Sandwich Islands, a memoir of her Hawaii visit, in 1875.

7. Drug Awareness Month Display

February is Drug Awareness Month, and HSPLS is partnering with Drug Free Hawaii to present displays and information throughout the month. Participating libraries include the Hawaii State Library, and our branches in Hanapepe, Kapaa, Koloa, Waimea, Lahaina, Lanai, Hawaii Kai, Kaimuki, Kaneohe, McCully-Moiliili, Mililani, Waianae and Waipahu.

8. HSPLS Ongoing Recruitment

HSPLS is currently recruiting for Library Assistant IV, Library Technician V, and Librarian III, IV, V. Recruitment will continue until staffing needs for these positions are met. Interested applicants must apply online via the Department of Human Resources Development's State Job Information website: <http://www.hawaii.gov/hrd/main/esd/>.

9. Keaau Public and School Library Programs and Services

Keaau Public and School Library Branch Manager Maxine Aki joins us this afternoon with a presentation on programs and services in her library.

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KEA'AU PUBLIC AND SCHOOL LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Chair Toguchi and Members of the Board of Education:

Good afternoon. My name is Maxine Aki and I am the Branch Manager of the Kea'au Public and School Library. Located 9 miles from Hilo in a former sugar plantation town, Kea'au Public and School Library was designed by Matsunaga, Sako, and Associates/Architects, Inc. and formally opened on September 30, 1974. The facility is 5,600 square feet with a 660-square foot meeting room which can accommodate up to 50 people.



When the library was built in 1974 on the grounds of the now Kea'au Middle School, Puna Sugar was still in operation and the community was rural, primarily agriculture-based. The concept of the Kea'au Public and School Library was for the "library to serve Kea'au people from the cradle to the grave" and this still holds true today. We start with board books and preschool story times for the young children to graphic novels for teens to materials to serve the continuing education and recreational needs of adults and ebooks to seniors getting their first "taste" of exploring the Internet and using a computer. With the closure in 1984 of Puna Sugar, Kea'au Agriculture Lots was developed and offered to former employees as part of the severance plan creating a new subdivision in town. In recent years the population in Kea'au and upper Puna has been growing rapidly with younger families moving into the area. New schools, both private and public, have been built—Kamehameha Schools-Hawaii Campus, Christian Liberty School, Kea'au Elementary School, Kea'au High School, and Nawahiokalani'opu'u (Hawaiian language immersion school).

At the present we have a staff of 3 and 1 half-time janitor. We are open 36 hours per week, including Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00 p.m. until 8 p.m. With a collection of about 32,000 materials, the library is able to provide a full range of

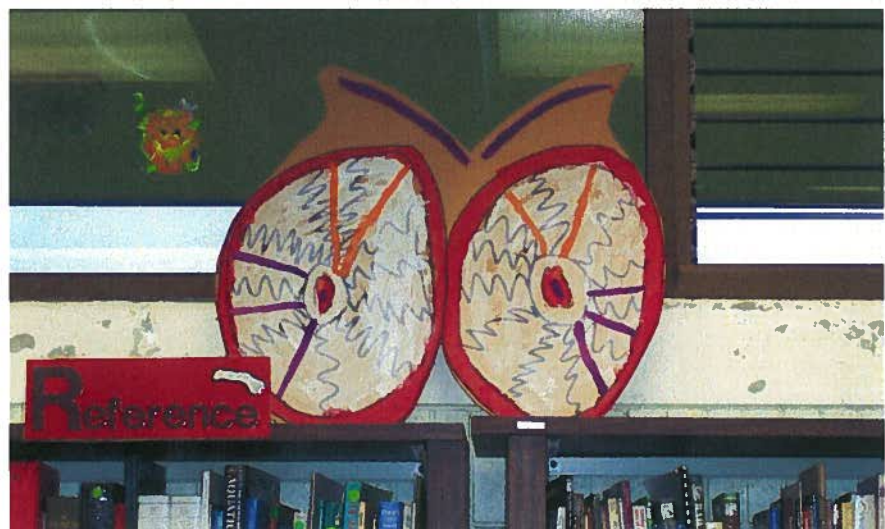
library services, including 4 Internet-accessible computer terminals funded by Gates Foundation funds. With the economic downturn, more people have been utilizing our computer terminals and services. Although we do not have formal classes on using the computer, staff regularly go out of the way to assist library patrons, especially the seniors.

Thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, the Statewide Cultural Extension Program and the many businesses and organizations that have come through for the library, we have been able to present various educational & recreational programs for all ages. Some recent ones include:



Pat Braden Program:
People and Ice

Halloween Craft
decorating the library





Story time with Mrs. Claus

We have also had preschool story times, school visits, Summer Reading programs, and after school craft programs at the library throughout the year. This year we also tried out having an informal Winter Reading Program. With mostly word-of-mouth publicity, 24 children read 65 books and 7 adults read 9 books during the last two weeks in December. Those who participated appreciated receiving a little incentive for their efforts.

Other special collections housed at our library include a small collection of Hawaiian quilt patterns which we started in 1980, which patrons may trace and a small, but growing collection of Hawaiian language readers provided to us by generous community donors. We also subscribe to seven Japanese language magazines that are heavily read by a core of Japanese language readers who travel from Hilo, Mt. View, Pahoa, as well as Kea'au.

Serving as a Passport Acceptance Agency is one of the special services that the staff at Kea'au Public and School Library offers to the community. We provide this service by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:00p.m. We began offering this service as a way to outreach to our immigrant community. During the past year 203 passport applications were accepted.

Thank you for this opportunity to share with you a little bit about our library and I invite all of you to come and experience the friendly and courteous atmosphere at the Kea'au Public and School Library.

Hawaii State Public Library System

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