

State Librarian's Report January 8, 2013

1. Hawaii State Library will Celebrate Centennial Beginning in February

The Hawaii State Library will celebrate its Centennial Anniversary from February 1 through October 31, 2013. There will be a small ceremony and performance by the Royal Hawaiian Band on February 1, and a larger event on Saturday, May 18, to coincide with the Hawaii Book and Music Festival. The Library will present an historical exhibit of the Hawaii State Library in the First Floor Reading Room from February through October. In addition, each month the Library will conduct special programs and feature new exhibits.



2. "Go HI TECH @ Your Library" Promotions on The Bus During January and February

Look for this special Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) promotion, which is now featured on signs inside more than 500 city buses in Honolulu's The Bus fleet (through February). "Go HI TECH @ Your Library" bus signs sport the red HSPLS library card with a yellow hibiscus and publicize HSPLS' free wireless internet access in all 50 libraries, Microsoft IT Academy providing free online digital literacy and technology training, e-Books, Digital Audiobooks and Music, ADA Accessible Workstations in every library, Business and Student Online Databases, and refer bus riders to the HSPLS website (www.librarieshawaii.org) for more information. The bus signs are funded by Hawaii's Access for All Grant from the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.



3. Manoa Public Library Earns LEED Gold Certification

The new Manoa Public Library has been awarded the coveted Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification established by the U. S. Green Building Council. The Library achieved LEED Gold certification for incorporating a variety of sustainable energy, lighting, water and materials use strategies. By using less energy and water, a LEED-certified building saves money, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and contributes to a healthier environment. Manoa Public Library is the first Oahu branch library to earn a LEED Gold Certification; it joins North Kohala Public Library (Big Island) as outstanding models for future libraries in Hawaii.



4. Hilo Public Library Lego Club Community "Big Build" Project Final Report

Hilo Public Library's Lego Club began the Big Build Project in June 2012 as a Summer Reading Program activity. During each Lego Club session, children build creations using Lego bricks provided by the library. When they are finished, the children describe their creations to the other participants, who applaud their efforts, and their "art" is then displayed in a glass case in the library's lobby. This popular activity offers many benefits to participants as well as to volunteer youth



helpers, promoting fine-motor development, creativity, and problem-solving skills. It affords practice in seeing and creating patterns, strengthens sorting skills, teaches how to think in three dimensions, affords practice in reading and following instructions as well as in design and construction techniques, offers opportunities for positive social interaction, and promotes positive self-esteem. A final report on the project is attached.

5. Friends of the Library, Kona fund Kailua Kona Public Library Re-carpeting

Thanks to the Friends of the Libraries, Kona (FOLK), Kailua-Kona Public Library has installed approximately 7,600 square feet of new carpet tiles to replace the library's original carpet. The carpet tiles chosen are a high-end, durable product meant for high traffic areas, individual tiles can be removed for cleaning or replacement, and they are the same brand that is being used at the Honolulu International Airport. The cost of the materials and installation, totaling approximately \$36,000, was paid with money raised mostly from FOLK's monthly book sales on the library lanai and an on-going book sale in the lobby.



6. HSPLS Provides Hawaii and Federal Tax Forms

Public libraries statewide will serve as distribution outlets for Hawaii State tax forms, thanks to a continuing partnership between the Hawaii State Public Library System and the State Department of Taxation. Library staff will supply the forms, but are not trained to assist with tax questions. For assistance, call the Department of Taxation's Tax Information Line: Oahu - 587-4242, Neighbor Islands - toll-free at 1-800-222-3229, or visit www.state.hi.us/tax for more information. Many public libraries will also serve as distribution outlets for Federal tax forms. Contact your local library to find out if they will be distributing Federal tax forms or for an alternate library nearest you. Federal tax forms as well as state tax forms from other states are available at www.librarieshawaii.org, in our Legal Forms online database.

7. Your Tax Donation Helps Hawaii's Public Libraries

Hawaii taxpayers can make donations to benefit the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) just by checking a box on their Hawaii State tax returns. Taxpayers can designate \$2.00 from an individual income tax return or \$4.00 from a joint return, for the Hawaii Public Libraries Fund. A total of \$67,422 was donated to Hawaii's public libraries during the first six months of 2012, which enabled HSPLS to purchase books and other materials for patrons of all ages statewide. Since January 2005, Hawaii taxpayers have donated \$634,370 to the HSPLS Special Fund. Mahalo for your continuing support!

8. Kaneohe Public Library will Celebrate its 50th Anniversary January 27

Kaneohe Public Library will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on Sunday, January 27 with special programs and events including performances by award-winning slack key guitarist Jeff Peterson, renowned Native Hawaiian storyteller Lopaka Kapanui, award-winning magician Kelvin Chun, Hawaiian music by Douglas Pooloa Tolentino and his band Paahana, and a petting zoo. The Friends of Kaneohe Library and the Friends of the Library of Hawaii are co-sponsoring the special anniversary celebration.



Hilo Public Library Lego Club Community “Big Build” Project Final Report

The Hilo Public Library children's program celebrated the completion of a Lego bricks community on Dec. 1, 2012 at 10 am. This community featured a gold mine, Main Street, subdivision, and townspeople.

This “big build” was completed with support from the Hawaii County Prosecutor's Office (under former County Prosecutor Charlene Iboshi), UH Hilo's “Labor of Love” service club, Boy Scouts from Troop 95, Lanakila Community Center, Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center, Hui Hoomalu, the Hilo Public Library Friends, community volunteers, and library patrons.

The goal of the project was to involve foster children in a Lego activity using Lego kits purchased with Prosecutor's Office asset forfeiture grant funds. The UH volunteers served as helpers/mentors and the Boy Scouts and others were additional builders. Significant assistance was provided by the Joseph Reynon family that has many members who are expert Lego builders.

It is hoped that this will be the first of many such events that will bring children who are experiencing disruptions in their lives into a safe, nourishing, and constant place – the children's room at the library.



Free build after the Lego Big Build Community dedication



L to R: Charlene Iboshi, former Hawaii County Prosecutor; Leslie Chow, HSPLS; and Hilo Public Library patron Joseph Reynon



Big Build Sponsors and participant's names



The Hilo Big Build Community