

State Librarian's Report September 3, 2013

1. Hilo Public Library Computer Lab

Several months ago, Hilo Public Library Branch Manager Janet Perea and her staff envisioned a computer lab where staff could provide free basic digital literacy and computing training for members of their community. Working with HSPLS grant coordinator Susan Nakata and our IT Specialists and Technicians, they were able to install electricity and data connections, as well as procure furniture and computer workstations in record time. The first class was conducted on August 22 (photo at right), and future classes are scheduled weekly. The classes are free and open to the public. Funds for the Lab were provided by the federal Broadband Technology Opportunity Program grant.



2. 23 Libraries Host Drug Free Hawaii Informational Exhibit

23 libraries throughout the state will host the latest Drug Free Hawaii display dealing with the dangers of electronic cigarettes. Twice a year the Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii invites Hawaii's Public Libraries to host a display board to educate our communities about substance abuse. These displays provide an opportunity to increase awareness and educate youth, parents, and the community by providing information on substances that bring harm to our communities.

3. *He Lei He Aloha, This is a Lei of Love, The Legacies of Queen Lili'uokalani*

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) will present *He Lei He Aloha, This is a Lei of Love, The Legacies of Queen Lili'uokalani*. The program celebrates the enduring legacies of Queen Lili'uokalani--her leadership, her music, her love of her homeland and her complete dedication to the needs of her people. Twenty-eight public libraries throughout the Islands (and Hamilton Library at the University of Hawaii), will host the program beginning on September 15th at Pearl City Public library, and continuing through February of 2014. The forty-five minute program consists of readings from *Hawaii's Story by Hawaii's Queen*, written by Queen Lili'uokalani, a sing-along of the Queen's music from *The Queen's Songbook* published by Hui Hanai, and the screening of a film sketch focused on the Queen and how her love of country continues today. Also produced for this program will be a bibliography of recently published historical materials. A schedule of the statewide tour dates for this program is attached.

