

## State Librarian's Report February 4, 2014

### 1. He Lei, He Aloha Finale at the Hawaii State Library

On Thursday, February 13 at 6 pm, the Hawaii State Library will host the finale of the statewide, 30-branch tour of "He Lei, He Aloha: This is a Lei of Love, Legacies of Queen Lili'uokalani." This presentation will open with a string quartet and a slide show with photos from the statewide tour; twelve special guest readers; music and dance by the Hawaii Youth Opera Chorus; a 7-minute film vignette entitled "Ku'u Aina Aloha;" and a brief closing discussion facilitated by members of the Iolani Guild of the Episcopal Church of Hawaii. "He Lei, He Aloha" is a deeply moving, participatory, informative and educational program that brings Queen Lili'uokalani back to life and shares her many legacies with library audiences of all ages. This unique, interactive program garnered rave reviews from hundreds of patrons who attended the presentations, which began on Oahu in September 2013 and toured the neighbor islands in January and February 2014. Meleanna Aluli Meyer, artist, film-maker and descendant of Emma Nawahi, a close confidante of Queen Lili'uokalani, is the program's narrator. Sponsors included Native Books/Na Mea Hawaii, the Queen Lili'uokalani Trust, Hui Hanai, Hawaiian Airlines, Alexander & Baldwin, the King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center, Pu'uuhonua Society, the Iolani Guild of the Episcopal Church of Hawaii, and the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS).



### 2. HSPLS Joins the Big Read with "Keys to the Kitchen"

"Keys to the Kitchen: The Essential Reference for Becoming a More Accomplished, Adventurous Cook" by Food Network's star chef Aida Mollenkamp, will be available for all HSPLS patrons to check out in both eBook and audiobook formats from February 17 to March 5 as part of the Big Read 2014 program. The Big Read is an international program that provides libraries and library patrons unlimited simultaneous access to a popular title for a two-week period, creating a virtual, global book club. "Keys to the Kitchen" is a comprehensive manual that features a collection of more than 300 innovative, contemporary recipes, color photos, informative illustrations, a substantial technique primer, and helpful how-to information for cooks. The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) invites readers to participate in this worldwide 2014 Big Library Read event from by visiting our website at [www.librarieshawaii.org](http://www.librarieshawaii.org).



### 3. Furniture, Artwork donated to Princeville Public library

The Friends of the North Shore Library at Princeville donated book-themed furniture for Princeville Public Library's Children's Room, and a local family donated a painting which is displayed on the wall. Staff members say the furniture is popular with the children and their parents, and you can see that the Library's Children's Room is now more cheerful and inviting.



#### 4. 13 Libraries Host Drug Free Hawaii Display

13 HSPLS Libraries will host a Drug-Free Hawaii Awareness Month display during the month of February. The display offers a few steps to develop healthy routines and to educate youth, parents, and the community through information on simple ways to increase positive choices; as we all know substances can bring harm to our communities if we don't develop healthy habits early. A box of free resources (fact sheets, brochures, pamphlets, etc.) will accompany each display for interested library patrons to take for reference. Participating Libraries include:

Aina Haina Public Library  
Ewa Beach Public & School Library  
Kapolei Public Library  
McCully-Moiliili Public Library  
Mililani Public Library  
Pearl City Public Library  
Kailua Kona Public Library

Koloa Public & School Library  
Lihue Public Library  
Waimea Public Library  
Lanai Public & School Library  
Hana Public & School Library  
Makawao Public Library



#### 5. HSPLS 2013 Notable Accomplishments

A list of HSPLS' Notable Accomplishments for 2013 is attached for your information, including:

- Five libraries increased public service hours and/or days, including our libraries in Kaimuki, Kalihi (both in Dec. 2012), Waipahu, Wahiawa and Pahala
- Summer Reading Program participation grew to 28,000, an increase of 35% over the past five years
- 9,600 free programs were presented in libraries statewide, with an attendance of 274,000, a 10% increase in number of programs presented and a 23% increase in attendance over FY'12
- Wireless internet access is now available in all 50 HSPLS libraries, with 856,000 internet sessions in 2013
- More than 780 public access computers are now available (increased more than 300 since 2009), including ADA accessible workstations in every library
- Earned the State Technology Modernization Award from the Office of Information Management and Technology (OIMT) for implementing a computer training program and rollout of the HSPLS Mobile Netbook Loan Program in 37 branches
- Hawaiian Language learning course now available online
- 120 complete full-color online magazines are now available through Zinio for Libraries
- Learn4Life program provides free instructor-led, lifelong learning courses ranging from starting a business to personal finance to health and wellness
- Circulation of eBooks and audiobooks increased by 43% between 2012 and 2013, increasing from 153,000 circulations in 2012 to 219,000 in 2013
- New HSPLS App for mobile phones
- Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are all now available on the HSPLS website
- New Korean language eBook collection with more than 2,100 ebooks
- The Hawaii State Library celebrated its Centennial Anniversary with a ceremony on February 12<sup>th</sup>

