

## State Librarian's Report December 4, 2012

### 1. Budget and Finance's Final Recommendations on HSPLS' FB 2013-15 Executive Budget Requests

HSPLS has received B&F's final recommendations on HSPLS' proposed FB 2013-2015 budget request. Items approved included:

- \$500,000 for each fiscal year for e-books
- \$300,000 for each fiscal year to increase public service hours
- \$3.5 and \$3.0 million respectively for CIP for Health & Safety and energy projects
- \$250,000 for planning for a new Makiki Public Library
- \$15.5 million in CIP funding was included for a new Nanakuli Public Library after an appeal to Finance Director Kalbert Young, his staff and staff from the Governor's Policy Office.

Our requests that were rejected included:

- 21.00 FTE positions and \$621,180 for the expansion of public service hours at 6 libraries (although we did receive lump sum funding of \$300,000 – see above)
- \$298,128 funding for the new and replacement libraries
- 2.00 FTE and \$314K for IT maintenance and enhancements

These Recommendations will now go to the Governor for inclusion in his budget package for the upcoming fiscal biennium that will be sent to the Legislature. Please see attached memo.

### 2. HSPLS Promotions on The Bus Will Promote HSPLS Hi-Tech Resources

Look for the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) to be featured on signs inside more than 500 buses in Honolulu's The Bus fleet in January and February 2013. "Go HI

TECH @ Your Library" bus signs will 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, Business and Student Online Databases, and will refer bus riders to the HSPLS website address

([www.librarieshawaii.org](http://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. Lahaina Public Library Renovation Project Completed Without State Funding**

Lahaina Public Library has reopened after a \$300,000 remodeling project was completed without public funding. The remodeling of the 57-year-old Lahaina Public Library was led by the Rotary Club of Lahaina and Maui Friends of the Library, with monetary donations and volunteer time from the community. The project included new flooring, shelving, circulation desk, front door and interior and exterior patching and painting. Twenty-one contractors donated \$155,000 in services to help modernize the interior of the library, while 60 volunteers stripped the facility to bare walls and packed, stored, returned and re-shelved 35,000 books.



### **4. Kapaa Public Library Hours**

The library hours for Kapaa Public Library were incorrectly listed in the SCR 122 document provided last week. Kapaa's public service hours total 40 hours per week: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 am to 5 pm, Tuesday from noon to 8 pm.

### **5. HSPLS to Present Holiday Programs at Libraries Statewide**

Libraries across the state will be offering special Holiday programs during December. Please see the attachment for a sampling of program locations, descriptions, dates and times.

