

State Librarian's Report August 6, 2013

1. Friends of the Library of Hawaii Secure \$90,000 Grant for Library Materials

The Friends of the Library of Hawaii (FLH) have secured a grant totaling \$90,000, \$61,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Communities Development Grant Fund with an additional \$29,000 in matching funds provided by FLH (Big Island libraries) and the Maui Friends of the Library (Lanai and Molokai). These funds are designated for the purchase of books and other materials for libraries in remote areas, and libraries receiving funding include Laupahoehoe Public and School Library, Mountain View Public and School Library, Naalehu Public Library and Pahala Public and School Library on the Big Island; Molokai Public Library and Lanai Public and School Library.



2. Artist Donates Sculpture to Hilo Public Library

Well-known Big Island artist Henry Bianchini has donated a sculpture entitled "Involuntary Journey" to the Hilo Public Library. Bianchini said "For many years, I had dreamed of how I could show my gratitude for this nurturing sanctuary, the Hilo Public Library. I am honored to be able to donate this sculpture to Hilo through this library." The aluminum and stainless sculpture stands 85" high and 74" wide, and has been installed in the library's courtyard. Mr. Bianchini, who studied art from the library collection, was impressed with the richness of the library's collection in both Western modernism and Eastern art. "This was a very big discovery for me" said the artist, "to find how strong the Eastern culture is here in Hawaii and how much it has affected how I see the world through my art."



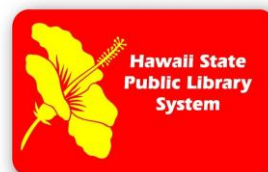
3. Public Internet Sessions Increase 11%

Patrons continue to take advantage of the Hawaii State Public Library System's public access computers to access the Internet. Over the past year, there has been an increase of 11% in patrons using the internet in our libraries with 669,000 sessions logged during FY 2013. Top internet uses include:

- 1) various internet searches
- 2) e-books, e-mail, and digital audio books
- 3) business information
- 4) online job applications or workforce development
- 5) health information
- 6) online databases
- 7) career and college information

4. Your Library Card: The Smartest Card in Your Wallet

As we begin a new school year, it is important to remember that Your HSPLS library card is the key that opens the door to a wealth of free resources, programs and services that will help students succeed in school. These resources include HSPLS' unique HI Tech Academy, online databases, Powerspeak Languages, Testing and Education



Reference Center, and homework assignment assistance resources for elementary, middle school, high school and college students; wireless internet access (wi-fi), Reference and Readers Advisory assistance, and more. Please visit the HSPLS website: www.librarieshawaii.org and click on the "Back-to-School Resources" button for more information.

5. Summer Reading Program Success

We have completed our 2014 Summer Reading Programs for all ages, and they were very successful once again this year. We are in the process compiling statistics and collecting evaluations, and will have a complete summary of the program next month.