

BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

May 1, 2012

State Librarian's Report



1. New Manoa Public Library Grand Opening, Saturday, June 9, 10 a.m.

The new Manoa Public Library will celebrate its Grand Opening Saturday, June 9 at 10 a.m. All Board Members will receive formal invitations to the Grand Opening Celebration. The interim library, which has been operating out of two portable classrooms at Noelani Elementary School while the new building was being constructed across the street, will permanently close May 5 at 5 p.m.

2. Institute of Museum and Library Services Awards HSPLS \$1.16 Million Grant

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) awarded HSPLS a \$1.16 million grant through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), the primary source of federal funding for America's libraries. These funds will be used for communications infrastructure, hardware and software, as well as for online databases and other digital resources.

3. Free Comic Book Day at Thirteen HSPLS Libraries

Thirteen HSPLS libraries will join libraries across the globe participating in the eleventh annual Free Comic Book Day on Saturday, May 5. Each participating HSPLS library will offer a variety of comic books for all ages. Readers can choose from among popular series including "The Avengers," "DC Comics: The New 52," "Dune," "Peanuts," "Smurfs," and "Under the Faerie Moon Preview." Participating public libraries include: Aiea Public Library, Aina Haina Public Library, Hawaii Kai Public Library, Hilo Public Library, Kailua Public Library, Kapolei Public Library, Kihei Public Library, Lahaina Public Library, Liliha Public Library, McCully-Moiliili Public Library, Mililani Public Library, Waianae Public Library and Waimanalo Public & School Library.

In addition to free comic books, Star Wars characters in full costume will make special appearances at eight participating libraries to encourage children to read.

- 501st Legion Pacific Outpost (Star Wars "bad guys") - 10 a.m. to noon at Aiea Public Library and Waimanalo Public & School Library; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Kailua Public Library and Mililani Public Library.
- Rebel Legion Hawaii (Star Wars "good guys") - 10 a.m. to noon at Kapolei Public Library; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Liliha Public Library and McCully-Moiliili Public Library.
- Oahu FanForce (various Star Wars characters) - 10 a.m. to noon at Aina Haina Public Library.



Last year, a total of 1,766 people received a free comic book at participating libraries and 729 people took advantage of photo opportunities with the costumed characters.

4. Eyes of Hawaii Photography Club Display at Hawaii State Library, May 3 – 31

The Hawaii State Library will host the Eyes of Hawaii Photography Club exhibit during the month of May. This popular annual exhibition will feature photographs members have taken around the islands and the world, and will be on display in the Library's lobby and first floor reading room.

5. Hawaii Book and Music Festival, May 5-6

HSPLS will once again host an information and activity booth during the Hawaii Book and Music Festival, A Celebration of Story and Song, Saturday and Sunday, May 5 & 6 from 10 am to 5 pm at the Frank Fasi Civic Grounds in the Capitol District. Admission and parking are free.

6. Institute of Museum and Library Services Pacific Region Grantee Meeting

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) will conduct its biennial Pacific Region Workshop in Honolulu from May 1-3. Invited participants will include representatives from American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Workshop attendees will visit the Hawaii State Library (HSL) for a special tour and to observe a preschool storytime, and later they will visit Kalihi-Palama Public Library, where children's librarian Brenda Freitas-Obregon will make a presentation focusing on early literacy skills and school readiness, on children's programming at her branch and statewide, and on best practices for early learning strategies that could be successful in the attendees' home countries. IMLS provides approximately one million dollars annually to HSPLS through its Grants to States program, which HSPLS uses for digital communications and related technology, online databases and other digital resources.