

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

July 3, 2012

1. HSPLS Partners with DHRD to Provide Technology Training

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) has developed a unique partnership with the Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) to provide technology training for all state employees. In the past, DHRD offered various technology-related courses in a classroom setting, but budget and staffing constraints have reduced the number and frequency of courses available. HSPLS and DHRD are now collaborating to provide all state employees with access to our complete collection of Microsoft IT Academy courses. DHRD will monitor enrollment and student progress, and they will provide acknowledgement certificates upon completion of courses.

2. Library Public Access Computer Use Survey Results

Our online survey to collect data on economic recovery activities by patrons using the new computers funded by the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) was initiated on July 1, 2011. Data collected through May 29, revealed that the top five uses were:

- Internet computers: 1) Internet searching; 2) HSPLS e-book collections, e-mail, and digital audio books; 3) business information; 4) online job applications or workforce development information and materials; and 5) health information.
- Public catalog computers: 1) online databases; 2) other online searches; 3) homework or school related research; 4) e-books, e-mail, and digital audio books; 5) business information.

In FY '11, the total number of Internet sessions was 484,315. As of March 31, 2012, HSPLS has already recorded 451,899 Internet sessions.

3. North Kohala Library Receives LEED Gold Certification

North Kohala Public Library has been awarded the coveted Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification by the U. S. Green Building Council. The \$7.8 million, 6,000 square foot Library located on the Island of Hawaii, reflects the nature of North Kohala by utilizing its surrounding areas to provide most of its own resources.

Designed by CDS International, the Library offers creative and innovative design features such as wind and photovoltaic energy systems, water catchments and retention systems, and design elements to maximize ambient lighting and ventilation. The Library harvests rain-water, employs natural daylight and air and harnesses the sun and wind to produce 75 percent of its energy use. One memorable month last summer, the library actually produced more energy than it consumed. The Library opened on November 8, 2010 and is located at 54-3645 Akoni Pule Highway.



4. Adult ESL Students Learn about Library and Life

For more than six years, Linnel Yamashita, Adult Services Librarian at McCully-Moiliili Public Library, has presented an orientation class for English as a Second Language

students from Kaimuki Community School for Adults. Yamashita and School instructor Martin Chong agree that the orientation class offers a win-win situation for the students as well as the Hawaii State Public Library System. "Providing a library visit as part of the course really benefits the students," said Yamashita. According to Chong, "students feel comfortable about returning to the Library once they overcome the barrier of going there for the first time.... Working with Linnel provides an opportunity for students to get a library card and see how it can benefit them as well as their families. Her presentations broaden their outlook on life and the importance of education." Chong schedules a library orientation class three times a year, and encourages his students to view the library not only as a communication resource but also a community resource. "Reading to themselves and their children reinforces the importance of learning English," Chong said. "But our students will also come back because of the variety of services the library offers such as free computer use and very affordable DVD rentals."

5. Summer Reading Program to Conclude July 7

The annual HSPLS Summer Reading Programs will end July 7. We would like to thank all our generous sponsors who made this this year's programs possible. A list of sponsors for the 2012 Summer Reading Programs is attached.

6. Award Winning Author/Illustrator James Rumford's Artwork on Display at Hawaii State Library

Original artwork and preparatory sketches by James Rumford, an award-winning children's book author-illustrator, are on display at the Hawaii State Library through August 15. "The Many Worlds of James Rumford" exhibit is on display in the koa wood case in the Adult Reading Room during the Library's open hours. Rumford's featured artwork includes: Tales from Africa, Tales from Hawaii Nei, Tales from Far Away, and Stories of Discovery. The exhibit coincides with last month's Children's Literature Hawaii Conference where Rumford was a featured keynote speaker.

