

State Librarian's Report

September 4, 2012

1. Waialua Public Library Celebrates 85 Years of Public Service

Waialua Public Library, located on Oahu's North Shore, will celebrate its 85th Anniversary Saturday, September 15 from 9 am – 2 pm. Governor Abercrombie and other elected representatives are scheduled to attend and make remarks, and multiple community members and groups will be involved in the formal ceremonies.

Festivities will include the Waialua High School Cheerleaders, a Lion Dance and Martial Arts presentation, a number of musical performances, line dancing and a clown, face-painting and games for children. The public is invited, and Board Members have received personal, formal invitations.



2. Tax Refund Donations Help Libraries

Generous Hawaii taxpayers donated more than \$72,000 to the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) in FY 2012. By checking the appropriate box on their tax returns, taxpayers may donate \$2.00 from an individual income tax return or \$4.00 from a joint return to the Hawaii Public Libraries Fund. Since the check-off box was added to tax forms eight years ago, the total amount donated to HSPLS is more than \$634,000. Thank you for your support!

3. Wireless Internet Access is Popular and Well-Used in HSPLS Libraries

As expected, wireless internet access in all fifty HSPLS branches has proven to be a very popular service for our patrons. Staff members across the state have received appreciative comments, and in the four months since its introduction patrons have logged more than 37,000 wireless internet sessions.

4. Drug Free Hawaii Display Hosted in 17 Public libraries

Seventeen Hawaii State Public Library System branch libraries will host the Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii's Ecstasy posters and displays to educate our communities about substance abuse. The display is intended for a teen audience and includes free brochures, pamphlets, fact sheets, etc., as well as prevention tips for parents and the community. The display is an opportunity to increase awareness and educate youth, parents, and the community by providing information on dangerous and harmful substances.

5. HSPLS Online Database Collection Supports Student Achievement

HSPLS subscribes to a number of online databases intended primarily to provide academic support for Hawaii's students. Among the most highly recommended databases for elementary through high school students are:

- **Searchasaurus** (Gr. K-3): A simplified child-friendly interface for searching most of the same sources found in Kids Search that includes a tutorial and "Fun Facts." The source content is largely the same, but the format is more appropriate for younger elementary school students.

- **Kids Search** (Gr. K-5): Search by keyword or topic in sources such as the American Heritage Children's Dictionary, Funk & Wagnalls New World Dictionary, Newspaper Source and Primary Search. Results can be sorted by source types such as magazines, newspapers, biographies, and country reports. A Teacher Research Interface searches academic and professional sources for educators.
- **Middle Search Plus** (Gr. 5-8): Provides full text for more than 140 popular magazines for middle school research. Articles are assigned Lexile reading level indicators.
- **Student Research Center** (Gr. 6-12): Students can search by keyword or topic to find the most useful search results that can easily be sorted by source type. This database includes coverage of current events, health, careers and a broad range of other topics.
- **MAS Ultra-School Edition** (Gr. 7-12): Provides full text of more than 550 popular general interest and current events publications with information dating back as far as 1975 for key magazines. This database is intended for use by high school and middle school students, and also provides full text pamphlets, reference books, biographies, primary source documents, and an image collection of photos, maps and flags.
- **National Geographic Archive**: The 100,000+ page, fully searchable archive allows unlimited simultaneous access to every article, photograph and map published in the magazine from its inception to 1994.

The databases are available through our website (www.librarieshawaii.org) 24/7 from anywhere with Internet access: click on "Services," "Books, Articles & Media," then the "Online Databases" button, scroll down and select the name of the desired database. You will need your valid HSPLS library card number and PIN (usually the last four digits of your home phone number) to access these subscription databases from outside an HSPLS library.