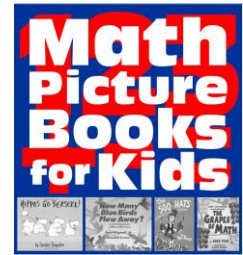


State Librarian's Report

September 18, 2012

1. New Math Picture Books for Kids Booklist

The Hawaii State Public Library System has produced a new "Math Picture Books for Kids" booklist which is now being distributed through our libraries. Intended for a preschool and elementary school audience, these books introduce basic mathematical concepts in easy to understand, enjoyable presentations. Please see the attached booklist.



2. Alexander & Baldwin Donates \$6,000 to Friends of the Library of Hawaii

Alexander & Baldwin donated \$6,000 to the Friends of the library of Hawaii in support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Opportunities Online Hardware Grant. The presentation was made during last week's meeting of Maui County's library branch managers. In the photo, left to right, are: Susan Werner, Wailuku Public Library; Jessica Gleason, Kihei Public Library; Paola Saibene, Chief Technology Officer; Sana Daliva, Kahului Public Library; Holly Braffet, Hana Public & School Library; Carole Suzui, Data Coordinator; Corey Moriyama, HC&S, a Division of Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.; Stacie Kanno, Public Libraries Branch Director; Richard Burns, State Librarian; Glenda Berry, Makawao Public Library; Sheryl Ing, Public Libraries Branch; Peggy Fink, Lanai Public & School Library; Sri Tencate, Molokai Public Library.



3. Kapolei Public Library To Host "Making Sense of the Civil War" Series

"Making Sense of the American Civil War", a free, six part public reading and discussion program series to commemorate the 150th anniversaries of the Civil War and Emancipation, will be conducted on selected Wednesdays at Kapolei Public Library, from October 3 through December 19 at 6:30 p.m. This series, for high school students and older, features Justin W. Vance, Assistant Professor of American and Civil War history at Hawai'i Pacific University and president of the Hawai'i Civil War Round Table. Vance will discuss the role of Hawaii and Hawaiians in the Civil War in the final program of the series on Dec. 19. Dates for the series are: October 3, 17, November 7, 28, and December 5 and 19. A special traveling exhibit - "Civil War 150: Exploring the War and Its Meaning through the Words of Those Who Lived It"- will culminate the program series at the Library from January 28 through February 14, 2013. The exhibit is made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities in

partnership with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and the Library of America, with sponsorship from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Library Association and the Hawai'i Council for the Humanities.

4. McCully-Moiliili Public Library will host Mini Con

McCully-Moiliili Public Library will host Mini Con on Saturday, September 22 from 10 am to 2 pm. This year's Mini Con will feature:

- Alex Alba and Misty-Lynn Sanico of Hawaii Reads (www.hawaiireads.com), a local blog providing a platform to discuss books about Hawaii and books by Hawaii authors and publishers.
- Audra Furuichi, creator of nemu*nemu, a webcomic about a pair of stuffed pups that come to life and enjoy everyday adventures, and the comic strip "Blue Hawaii" featured in the Star-Advertiser (www.nemu-nemu.com).
- Jon J. Murakami, creator of Gordon Rider, the worst Hawaii superhero ever, and the comic strip "Calabash," also in the Star-Advertiser (www.gordonrider.bigcartel.com). Murakami is also known for illustrating several picture books and local-style greeting cards.
- Kevin Sano, a graphic designer who has been in the t-shirt industry for over 25 years, and specializes in one-of-a-kind shirt designs using a felt tip pen (www.kevinsano.deviantart.com).
- Brady Evans and other members from the Pen & Ink Works group will give a drawing demonstration at 12:00 noon. Pen & Ink Works is an artist group that promotes manga and anime as an art form and method of creative expression (www.peninkworks.wordpress.com). Group members will also be available to talk with new and veteran artists who are seeking guidance and assistance by reviewing their art. The Library will show a variety of animation and distribute free bookmarks. Cosplay is encouraged; dress up and receive a free special prize. The event's name is inspired by the San Diego Comic-Con International, a four-day, multi-genre convention held annually in San Diego, CA. Originally showcasing comic books, science fiction/fantasy and film/television, and related popular arts, the convention now includes a larger range of pop culture elements, such as horror, animation, anime, manga, toys, collectible card games, video games, webcomics, and fantasy novels.

5. Preferred Way to Read Books

On August 30, the Honolulu Star-Advertisers "The Big Q" reader's poll asked "What is your preferred way to read books?" The results of this unscientific, online poll found that 67% of respondents preferred traditional print books and 15% preferred e-books.