

State Librarian's Report April 16, 2013

1. Hawaii State Public Library System Debuts Facebook Page and Twitter Feed

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) enters the world of social media with our introduction of a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HSPLSHlgov>, and a Twitter feed at <https://twitter.com/HSPLSHlgov>. These social networking sites will be used to publicize library program and events; promote library services; alert users to special collections or additions to those collections; to provide links to articles, videos, or Web content that are of interest, relevant or helpful to patrons; and to provide a conduit for community information. Social media also play an important role in creating and fostering relationships with the community by allowing patrons to ask questions or provide valuable feedback about the library system.



2. Aiea Public Library Ground Breaking Ceremony

Nearly 300 people attended the Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new Aiea Public Library. In the photo below, along with Governor Neil Abercrombie are (l-r) Baron Baroza, Acting Branch Manager, Aiea Public Library; Rep. Gregg Takayama, Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson, Norman Mizuguchi (former State Senate President), Claire Tamamoto, President, Aiea Community Association; Sen. David Ige, State Librarian Richard Burns, Architect Glenn Miura, and Marvin Buenconsejo for U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono.



3. Kraft-Longs Drugs-Friends of the Library of Hawaii Fundraiser an Overwhelming Success

During their Board of Directors meeting last Friday, the Friends of the Library of Hawaii announced that they received a \$15,000 check from Kraft Foods and Longs Drugs as a result of their recent fundraising effort. Although it was initially planned that the maximum donation would be \$10,000, the overwhelming success of the fundraiser prompted the additional donation. As a result, the Friends have already started to discuss joining Kraft and Longs for additional fundraisers in the future.

4. National Library Week, April 14 – 20

In celebration of National Library Week 2013 (April 14 – 20), Hawaii's public libraries will offer an array of free educationally and culturally enriching programs featuring noted storytellers and performing artists throughout the month of April. "Communities Matter @ your Library" is this year's theme, chosen by the American Library Association, which reinforces the fact that



libraries are trusted anchor institutions in their communities where everyone can gather to reconnect and re-engage with each other to enrich their lives, shape the community and address local issues. All National Library Week programs are suitable for ages 5 and older unless noted otherwise. A list of National Library Week programs in libraries statewide is attached.

5. Branch Managers' Meetings and New Manager Orientations Conducted in February and March

Over the past two months, Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) Administrators conducted an orientation for our new Branch Managers, and have met with Branch Managers from all islands to discuss new programs and services for both the public and staff, personnel recruitment, and to provide updates on various policies and procedures. New Managers



pictured in the photo at right include, left to right: Janet Perea, Hilo Public Library, Lea Domingo-Kahuku Public and School Library, Carleen Corpuz-Mountain View Public and School Library, Baron Baroza, Aiea Public Library, Shari Lynn Murphy-Ewa Beach Public and School Library and Sara Kamibayashi-Naalehu Public library.

6. Lihue Public Library Interim Library Will Remain Open During Renovation Project

Lihue Public Library staff will provide limited library services from an Interim Library located in the Library's Conference Room beginning April 15. The main library will be undergoing a renovation project which includes replacement of the building's air-conditioning system, carpeting and interior lighting. The Interim Library will offer a limited collection of books and DVDs for browsing and borrowing. Patrons may request library materials and will be able to pick-up their hold requests at the Interim Library. Internet access and public computers will not be available during the renovation project. Patrons may return items at the Interim Library during public service hours or in the book drop when the library is closed. Lihue's Interim Library will continue the current public service hours of Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays the interim library will be closed.

7. Money Smart Week @ Your Library

The Hawaii State Library will offer free events during Money Smart Week @ your library (April 20-27), which is a public awareness campaign sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and the American Library Association. Money Smart Week is designed to help consumers better understand and manage their personal finances.



"Alternative to Low Interest Rates: Dividend Investing" will be presented by financial advisor David Ching on April 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hawaii & Pacific Reading Room. This program will include a question-and-answer session.

"Young Entrepreneurs," a panel discussion program, will be presented on April 20 at noon in the Hawaii & Pacific Reading Room. The panel will feature Eric Teshima and Carson Wong, two founders of the Kalani Robotics Team 3008, and Kimo Wong, an executive officer of a major Hawaii bank who specializes in business banking.

Discussion topics will include starting and operating your own business, and the importance of communication, part-time work and resources, getting good grades in school, and investing your money wisely. This program is suitable for ages 12 and older and will include a question-and-answer session. A "Money Storytime" will be presented on April 27 at 10:30 a.m. in the Edna Allyn Room for Children. Children ages 3 and older, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, are invited to learn about money through stories and crafts.

8. Hawaii State Library Centennial Events

As part of its continuing Centennial Celebration, the Hawaii State Library will host the following additional programs and events:

- April 20, 1 p.m., Lobby – "Korean Music Concert." Dr. Byong Won Lee, Minsang Cho, Seola Kim, and Hae In Lee will perform traditional Korean music with vocals and instrumentals.
- April 25, 6 p.m., Lobby – Ho`omaika`i Concert Series: "Opera Vignettes." The Hawaii Youth Opera Chorus, under the direction of Nola A. Nahulu, will perform.
- April 27, 1 p.m. – "Tongan-style Lei-making."
- Lobby exhibit for April: "Beyond the Flower Lei: Contemporary Interpretations of a Hawaiian Tradition."



9. Outreach to the HSPLS Community

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) was among the participants at the National Consumer Protection Week Fair on March 7 and the Heald College semi-annual Community Resource Fair for their students on March 21. HSPLS staff showed interested attendees our online databases, the free e-Learning Center with courses from Microsoft IT Academy, ed2go, and PowerSpeak Languages, and downloadable ebooks and audiobooks through OverDrive and OneClickDigital (where there is no waiting list for the audiobooks). Computer students were excited about earning Microsoft products certification by taking free courses through the Hawaii State Public Library System's Microsoft HI Tech Academy and passing the exams, some of which are proctored by Heald College, and attendees were appreciative of the free resources available to them via various electronic devices, such as computers, tablets, smartphones, etc. A number of individuals took applications for new or renewal library cards.

10. Kaimuki Public Library Presents Children's Storytime on Sundays

Kaimuki Public Library will present free Children's Storytime on Sundays now through July 28, 2013, except on holidays. The storytime will be conducted in the Children's Section from 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Children preschool age and older, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, are invited to listen to stories, participate in finger plays and rhymes, and make-and-take home a small craft to help them remember the day's stories.

National Library Week 2013

Communities Matter @ your Library

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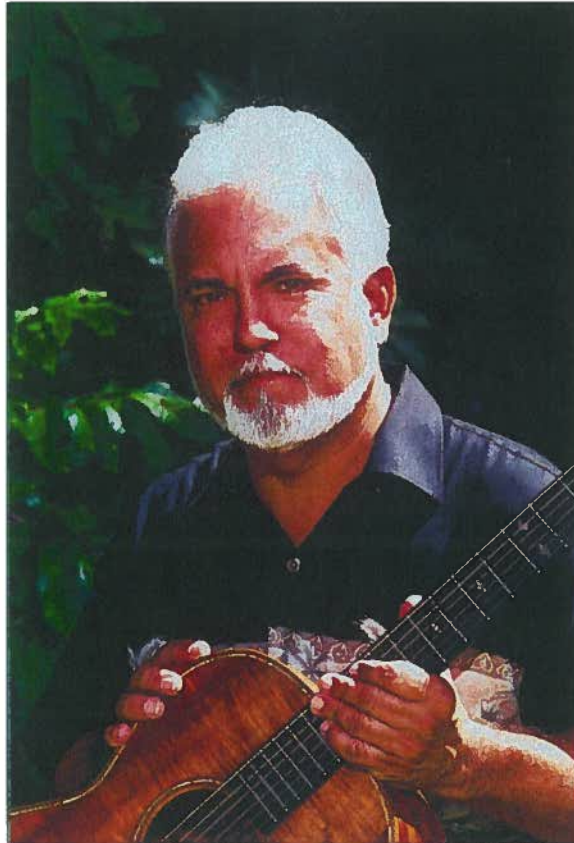
National Library Week is a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians and library workers. "**Communities Matter @ your Library**" is this year's theme chosen by the American Library Association, which reinforces the fact that libraries are trusted places where everyone can gather to reconnect and reengage with each other to enrich and shape the community and address local issues. All National Library Week programs are suitable for ages 5 and older unless noted otherwise. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Among the featured performers include award-winning Celtic harp player and highly-acclaimed storyteller **Patrick Ball**, award-winning slack key guitarists **John Keawe** and **Jeff Peterson**, local storyteller **Ben Moffat**, the dynamic traditional-style Japanese storytelling group **Bento Rakugo**, and luthier (maker of stringed instruments) **Bob Gleason**:

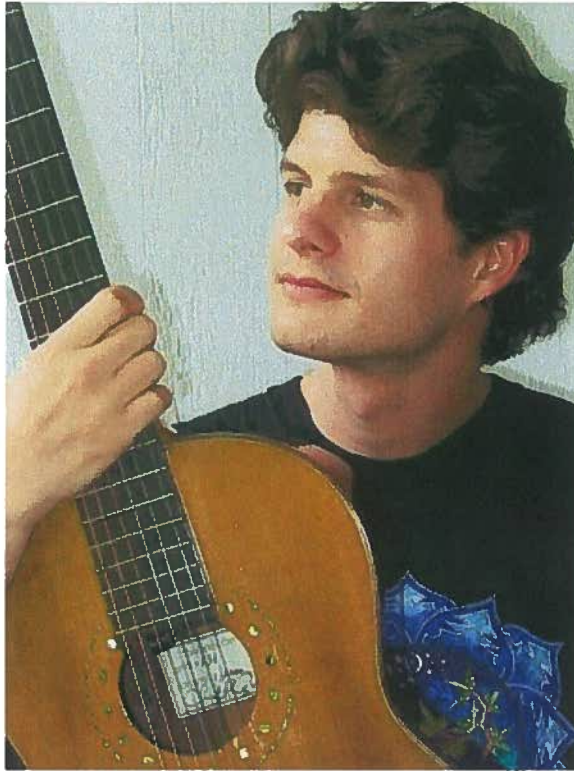


- **"Celtic Harp and Story."** **Patrick Ball** is one of the world's premier Celtic harp players and a highly-acclaimed storyteller in the Celtic tradition. Ball, a native Californian, artistically blends the exquisite sound of the rare, wire-strung Celtic harp with his intriguing tales of Ireland. The 32-string Celtic harp is said to have a fabled capacity to soothe its listeners, to beguile them, and to lead them into the realms of the imagination. He has recorded nine instrumental and three spoken word albums, which have sold more than one-

half million copies internationally. Ball, who has won national awards in both music and spoken word categories, will perform at four selected Big Island, Kauai, and Oahu libraries: April 2: 10 a.m. at **Waialua Public Library** (sponsored by Friends of Waialua Public Library; phone: 637-8286), 6:30 p.m. at **Aina Haina Public Library** (sponsored by Friends of Aina Haina Public Library; phone: 377-2456); April 3, 6 p.m. at **Princeville Public Library** (sponsored by Friends of the North Shore Library at Princeville; phone: 826-4310); and April 5, 3 p.m. at **Kailua-Kona Public Library** (sponsored by Friends of the Libraries, Kona; phone: 327-4327).



- **“A Tribute to Slack Key.” John Keawe**, a self-taught slack-key guitarist, is a multiple Na Hoku Hanohano and Hawaii Music Awards recipient and a contributing artist on Hawaii’s first Grammy winner, “Slack Key Guitar Volume 2” (2005). Keawe will offer a tribute to the slack key style and include selections from the music of Raymond Kane, Leonard Quan, and others, in addition to presenting his original compositions at three selected Big Island, Maui and Oahu libraries: April 13, 2 p.m. at **Hilo Public Library** (sponsored by Friends of Hilo Public Library; phone: 933-8888); April 16, 6:30 p.m. at **Kihei Public Library** (sponsored by Maui Friends of the Library; phone: 875-6833); and April 20, 2 p.m. at **Aiea Public Library** (sponsored by Friends of Aiea Library; phone: 483-7333).



- **“The Slack Key Artistry of Jeff Peterson.”** Jeff Peterson, a multiple Grammy Award and Na Hoku Hanohano Award winner, is recognized as one of Hawaii’s most versatile musicians. His focus on Slack Key guitar, classical, and jazz music has allowed him to develop a unique and transcendent voice on the guitar while remaining deeply rooted in the traditions of his Hawaiian heritage. Peterson will share his passion for the guitar in words and music at two selected Kauai and Maui libraries: April 8, 6:30 p.m. at **Makawao Public Library** (sponsored by Maui Friends of the Library; phone: 573-8785); and April 9, 6 p.m. at **Kapaa Public Library** (sponsored by Friends of the Kapaa Public Library; phone: 821-4422).



- **“Stories on Stilts and Other Tall Tales.”** Storyteller **Ben Moffat** will present a storytelling experience using stilts, masks, movement and puppetry. Moffat will spin stories from Europe, Asia, and the Americas including “The Barking Mouse,” “The Crane Wife,” “How Roller Skates Were Invented,” and “The Giant in the Tiny House” at three selected Kauai and Oahu libraries: April 18, 10:30 a.m. at **Kaneohe Public Library** (sponsored by Friends of Kaneohe Library; phone: 233-5676); April 25, 10:30 a.m. at **Princeville Public Library** (sponsored by Friends of the North Shore Library at Princeville; phone: 826-4310); and April 27, 11:30 a.m. at **Hawaii State Library-Edna Allyn Room for Children** (phone: 586-3510).



- **“Rakugo Bento.”** The dynamic group **Bento Rakugo**, led by artistic director **Yasu Ishida**, performs “Rakugo Bento” in the traditional Rakugo (Japanese translation: “fallen words”) storytelling style and adds a modern twist to the Japanese comedy. In Rakugo, the performer presents a comic story while sitting on a Japanese cushion throughout the entire performance, speaking all of the voices in both the first person and third person. All stories will be spoken in English. Experience “Rakugo Bento” at two selected Lanai and Oahu libraries: April 25, 2 p.m. at **Lanai Public & School Library** (sponsored by Maui Friends of the Library; phone: 565-7920); and April 27, 1 p.m. at **Kapolei Public Library** (sponsored by Friends of the Library, Kapolei; phone: 693-7050).



- **“Ukulele Design and Construction Demonstration.”** Bob Gleason, a Big Island owner and operator of a custom guitar and ukulele-making shop, will demonstrate how the ukulele is made: from the choice and curing of the wood, and through various construction processes, to applying the finish and caring for the instrument. See the “birth” of a ukulele at two selected Kauai and Maui libraries: April 16, 1 p.m. at **Hana Public & School Library** (sponsored by Maui Friends of the Library; phone: 248-4848); and April 24, 6 p.m. at **Princeville Public Library** (sponsored by Friends of the North Shore Library at Princeville; phone: 826-4310).
- April 2, 3 p.m. – **“Chamber Music of Hawaii’s Honolulu Brass Quintet Performance.”** The Honolulu Brass Quintet, considered Hawaii’s premier brass quintet, will perform at **Kihei Public Library** (sponsored by Maui Friends of the Library; phone: 875-6833). The group will perform a sampling of musical selections followed by a discussion about music and the various brass instruments they play.
- April 3, 6 p.m. – **“Seminar: Music for a Lifetime.”** Local classical pianist and music educator **Ralph Hedges** will conduct a seminar on piano performance and technique at **Waipahu Public Library** (phone: 675-0358). Hedges will also discuss how music can play a vital role in traditional education by helping to improve mathematics and reading skills. Local music students will demonstrate some basic techniques on the electric piano.
- April 6, 10:30 a.m. – **“Stories of Hawaii and the World.”** Local storyteller and former HSPLS librarian **Dave Del Rocco** will present folktales from Hawaii and other places around the world such as Africa, Alaska, Italy, Laos, and the Philippines at **Lahaina Public Library** (sponsored by Maui Friends of the Library; phone: 662-3950).
- April 13, 10:30 a.m. – **“The Magic of Alan Arita.”** Magician **Alan Arita** will perform his popular Magic Show at **Kailua Public Library** (sponsored by Friends of the Kailua Library; phone: 266-9911). Arita combines comedy, astonishing magic, and audience participation to intrigue and amaze one and all. This program is recommended for ages 3 and older.
- April 18, 6 p.m. – **“Folk Arts of China.”** **Barbara Chung Ho** will present an interactive and customized workshop on the folk arts of Chinese knotting and papercutting at **Wailuku Public Library** (sponsored by Maui Friends of the Library; phone: 243-5766). The workshop is limited to 20 participants, ages 5 and older. Registration is required; please call the Library to register.
- April 21, 3 p.m. – **“Hula Ku`i.”** Contemporary Hawaiian dance company **Mu`olaulani**, led by artistic director **Michael Pili Pang**, will bring to life Hawaiian rituals, myths, and legends of Hawaii and its rich culture at **Pearl City Public Library** (sponsored by Friends of Pearl City Library; phone: 453-6566).
- April 24, 3:30 p.m. – **“Hawaiian and Jazz Music.”** Molokai musicians **Norman DeCosta** and **Douglas Barnd** will present a blend of Hawaiian and jazz music at **Molokai Public Library** (sponsored by Maui Friends of the Library; phone: 553-1765).

Programs are subject to change. Performances are sponsored by the local Friends affiliates, unless noted otherwise, and are a production of the University of Hawaii at Manoa Statewide Cultural Extension Program with additional funding provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Contact the hosting library as soon as possible if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed.

Please visit www.librarieshawaii.org for a complete listing of HSPLS National Library Week 2013 programs or call your local library to find out what programs will be offered.