

## **State Librarian's Report September 17, 2013**

### **1. Hawaii State Public Library System Team and Manager of the Year**



The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) announced Susan Nakata, Director of the Library Development Services Section (LDSS), as Manager of the Year and the Hawaii State Library's Telephone Reference Unit as the Team of the Year for 2013. Susan Nakata's 14 years of exemplary leadership of her LDSS Team have resulted in an outstanding and increasing list of accomplishments, including presenting numerous successful statewide programs such as the Summer Reading Programs for all ages, and she has successfully administered HSPLS' portion of the multi-million dollar federal Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) grants. The Telephone Reference Unit is staffed by Librarians Andrew Ah New, Mary Claire Hutchinson, Cheryl Ogasawara and Marsha Pauline. Each month, they respond to hundreds of patron questions received via telephone, through the mail and via e-mail; respond to inquiries and requests sent to HSPLS' 24-hour Ask a Librarian online reference service; provide e-book customer support for all HSPLS patrons; staff the statewide support line for HSPLS' electronic resources such as OverDrive (e-book catalog), Microsoft IT Academy, Learn4Life and OneClickDigital; and teach regular computer classes for beginners. Susan and the Telephone Ref Unit will represent HSPLS at the Governor's Awards Ceremony, Friday, October 4 at the State Capitol.

### **2. Hawaii State Library Unveils Centennial Collaborative Mural**

The Hawaii State Library Centennial Collaborative Mural was a project conceived by the staff of the Library's Children's Section as a way to unite the library's patrons with professional artists and illustrators in a collective piece of celebratory art. The finished artwork, which is an image of the Hawaii State Library, reflected the various contributions of community members of all types - from families to published illustrators. The entire mural was made of 48 pieces; 20 of which were delivered to professionals and 28 of which were filled in by the public. It was unveiled on the 5th of September and will be on display until the end of the year in the library's first floor reading room.



### **3. Award-Winning Chef is Avid Manoa Public Library User**

Eleanor Cowell, the 8-year old Honolulu girl who was thrilled to meet President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama this summer as Hawaii's winner of the First

Lady's Healthy Lunchtime Challenge, not only loves to cook but also is an avid reader and patron of the Manoa Public Library. Eleanor was one of 54 young recipe contest winners (ages 8 to 12) nationwide, and was honored at the 2013 Kid's State Dinner July 9 at the White House. Her winning lunch "Curry Chicken Salad & Taste of the Tropics," features curry chicken with quinoa and bell pepper served in a lettuce cup with raita, (yogurt sauce). For "Taste of the Tropics," a fruit salad of apricot, strawberries and bananas served with yogurt and topped with shredded unsweetened coconut, Eleanor used bananas and mint harvested from her own garden. Eleanor has participated in every Children's Summer Reading Program since the summer of 2005, when she was three months old. This summer, Eleanor read more than 100 books. Front row: Lara, Eleanor and Michael Cowell; back row: State Librarian Richard Burns and Manoa Public Library Manager Christel Collins.



#### **4. Eagle Scout Project Completed at Mililani Public Library**

Mililani Boy Scout James Umphress completed the service project for his Eagle Award earlier this month. After the Library was tented in April for fumigation, the plant beds at the building's front entrance were dead. James approached Branch Manager Wendi Woodstrup for project ideas, she proposed the landscaping project, and James secured donations, organized the re-planting, and created the inviting entry area now fronting the library.



#### **5. *He Lei He Aloha, This is a Lei of Love, The Legacies of Queen Lili'uokalani***

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) will present *He Lei He Aloha, This is a Lei of Love, The Legacies of Queen Lili'uokalani*. The program celebrates the enduring legacies of Queen Liliuokalani--her leadership, her music, her love of her homeland and her complete dedication to the needs of her people. Twenty-nine public libraries throughout the Islands (and Hamilton Library at the University of Hawaii), will host the program through February of 2014. The forty-five minute program consists of readings from *Hawaii's Story by Hawaii's Queen*, written by Queen Lili'uokalani, a sing-along of the Queen's music from *The Queen's Songbook* published by Hui Hanai, and the screening of a film sketch focused on the Queen and how her love of country continues today.

