



## Online Database of the Month: Student Research Center

By Willis Oshiro, Librarian, Hawaii State Library-Young Adult Section

**S**tudent Research Center (SRC) is an electronic database that is designed for students in grades 6 to 12. Students can link to primary source documents, full-text magazine and newspaper articles, biographies, radio and television transcripts, photographs, maps and much more.

The database is easy to use and delivers relevant information with just a few keystrokes.

At the basic search screen, type in the topic you are researching. The SRC database, which is updated daily, searches for your topic among thousands of articles from magazines, newspapers and other sources. The screen allows you to select the specific source from which you want to receive your results.

Near the top of each page are helpful links to the American Heritage Dictionary and the Columbia Encyclopedia that allow the user to look up definitions or short introductions to unfamiliar concepts they encounter in the articles.

Since the SRC is geared for students in grades 6 to 12 with a wide range of reading and comprehension levels, it offers the capability of limiting the results by Lexile Reading Level. In the "Limit Your Results" box, you can specify the grade level in which to receive your results. This handy feature assists middle school researchers by filtering out articles that are written for older high school students.

As an example, a search on the debate about evolution and intelligent

design conducted with no Lexile Reading Level limit specified yielded over 1,600 results. The same search with a grade 6 to 8 limit provided 49 results, and a grade 9 to 12 limit generated 181 results. While some articles are not evaluated using the Lexile Reading Level scale, using this feature will narrow the number of results for any search.

To begin your search on the Student Research Center, use the library's catalog terminals or your home computer to visit the HSPLS home page at <http://www.librarieshawaii.org>, click on the "Catalogs" tab and "E-Databases" link, and then scroll down to select the "Student (Gr. 6-12) Research Center." You will need your library card and PIN to access the database from outside the library.

The Student Research Center is provided by Library Services and Technology Act funding, which is administered by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

## Wailuku Library Receives \$3,500 Grant

**T**he Maui Friends of the Library awarded a \$3,500 grant to Wailuku Public Library for the purchase of a collection of new books with timely topics such as saving money, going back to college, finding a new job, and growing your business.

More than 240 titles were selected to help patrons help themselves through tough economic times. The titles include books and audiobooks that provide advice on how to find and successfully apply for a job, how to invest and plan for retirement, how to use social media marketing to improve your bottom line, and much more.

The collection will be on display at Wailuku Public Library through the end of October and items may be borrowed with a valid library card.

In addition to this collection, the

Hawaii State Public Library System offers patrons other job-seeking services such as online databases and resources on our website ([www.librarieshawaii.org](http://www.librarieshawaii.org)), civil service exam materials, college and career information, free Internet access available on more than 300 newly-installed computers and skilled and knowledgeable library staff to assist you.

Wailuku Public Library is located at 251 High Street in Wailuku. For more information, please call the Library at 243-5766.



**Dorothy Tolliver** (left), Maui Friends of the Library President, and **Susan Werner**, Wailuku Public Library Manager, display some of the new books purchased with a \$3,500 grant provided by the Maui Friends group. Photo courtesy of Wailuku Public Library



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## Upcoming HSPLS Programs and Events

**H**awaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) provides free multicultural, year-round programs that encourage a love of reading and life-long learning. Programs include preschool storytimes, storytelling events, author talks, informational seminars and much more. Visit [www.librarieshawaii.org](http://www.librarieshawaii.org) for an island-by-island listing of various children's, teens, adults, and special holiday programs. Call the hosting library for more information.

A sampling of upcoming programs includes:

- "Cybersafety": Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m. – Kahuku Public & School Library (ph: 293-8935). Chris Duque, retired Honolulu Police Department detective

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## Mark Your Calendars

**Oct. 2 – Children and Youth Day**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., State Capitol District. For the 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, HSPLS will participate in this special event featuring booths, games and other activities, food and fun for children and their families. The HSPLS booth will be located in the Children's Zone, and staff members will distribute library bags filled with information and present a fun activity for the children.

All public libraries will be closed to observe the following holidays; visit [www.librarieshawaii.org](http://www.librarieshawaii.org) or call your local library for more information:  
**Nov. 11-13 – Veterans Day Holiday**  
**Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving Day Holiday**

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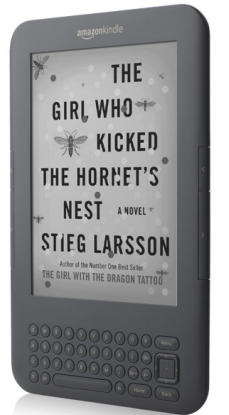
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## Kindle Now Compatible with OverDrive eBooks

**A**ttention all Kindle users! On September 21, Amazon and OverDrive, the Hawaii State Public Library System's (HSPLS) primary provider of eBooks, announced that the popular ebook reader Kindle is now compatible with the system's eBook collection. Library patrons with Kindle eBook readers can now access and download from HSPLS' growing collection of electronic materials.

Patrons with eBook readers can browse HSPLS' eBook collection through the library website [www.librarieshawaii.org](http://www.librarieshawaii.org) by clicking on EBooks, Audio-books and Music, then accessing <http://hawaii.lib.overdrive.com>. By clicking on the "Kindle Now Available" button, users can access thousands of eBook titles for all ages on a wide variety of topics including fiction, non-fiction, health, fitness, business, religion, cooking, self-improvement, and biographies. Through the convenience of remote access, library patrons with a valid library card may borrow up to ten eBooks free of charge for up to three weeks without traveling to the library or incurring overdue charges.

EBooks are the fastest growing segment of HSPLS' total circulation. With Kindle compatibility, circulation is expected to rise by more than 30% this year, to over 100,000.



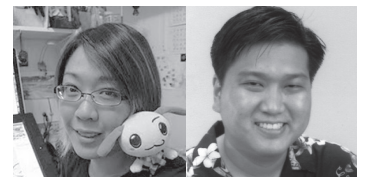
## Enjoy Children and Teen Programs this Fall

**C**elebration of Teen Read Week (October 16-22), **Audra Furuichi**, co-creator of the web-comic "Nemu Nemu," and **Jon J. Murakami**, creator of the "Gordon Rider" comic book, will be featured artists at selected public libraries during the month of October. Teen Read Week is an annual literacy initiative created by the American Library Association for teens, their parents, librarians, and others.

In addition, libraries statewide will host free programs focusing on this year's theme – "Picture It @ your library" – which encourages teens to read graphic novels and other illustrated materials, seek out creative books or imagine the world through literature, just for the fun of it.

These programs are suitable for ages 12 and older, and made possible by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, the UH-Manoa Outreach College's Statewide Cultural Extension Program, Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, and a host of corporate sponsors.

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Furuichi

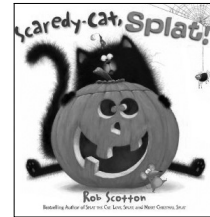
Murakami

# Recommended Children's Books

By Janet Yap, Children's Librarian, Liliha Public Library

**Are you ready for Halloween? Check out these favorites:**

**Rob Scotton**  
**SCAREDY CAT, SPLAT!**  
(Preschool-Gr. 3)  
Splat is determined to be the scariest cat in his class. Will he win the award?



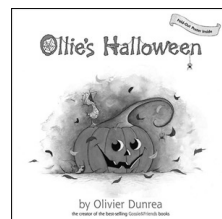
**Linda D. Williams**  
**THE LITTLE OLD LADY WHO WASN'T AFRAID OF ANYTHING**  
(Preschool-Gr. 2)  
Creatures follow a woman as she walks through the dark woods. When she hears "Clomp, Clomp, Shake, Shake, Clap, Clap!" she gets the scare of her life.



**Jonathan London**  
**FROGGY'S HALLOWEEN**  
(Preschool-Gr. 2)  
Froggy knows Halloween means candy but he wonders to himself, "What shall I be for Halloween?" and "who will be tricked and who will be treated?"

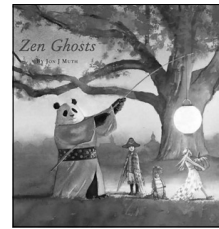


**Oliver Dunrea**  
**OLLIE'S HALLOWEEN**  
(Preschool-Gr. 2)  
Ollie and his gosling siblings dress up and "trick or treat"



around the barn. This simple tale is beautifully illustrated.

**Jon J. Muth**  
**ZEN GHOSTS**  
(Gr. 2-5)  
Stillwater, a Zen Buddhist panda, tells everyone to come back after they go "trick or treating" because a storyteller will share a ghost story with them.



**This last book is more for the reader who enjoys scary, spooky, spine-tingling stories:**

**Retold by Arielle North Olson and Howard Schwartz**  
**MORE BONES**  
(Gr. 3-6)  
Twenty-two tales collected from around the world are presented for enjoyment at a campfire, in a dark room or a small tent in the yard. If you read them alone – BEWARE!



## HSPLS Award Winners Selected

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) announces the selection of **Stewart Chun**, Section Head, Federal Documents Section, Hawaii State Library, as the 2011 HSPLS Employee of the Year.

Chun has distinguished himself both within HSPLS and throughout the broader library community in Hawaii. As Section Head, Chun actively encourages personnel



Chun

training, professional development and ongoing dialogue among his staff members. He is a creative thinker, who has spearheaded the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program, has undertaken the retroactive inventory of his Section's collection, and has implemented and supervised the Passport Acceptance Facility at the Hawaii State Library which, as an enhanced service, has generated nearly \$60,000 for the HSPLS Special Fund this year alone.

Chun, an 18-year HSPLS employee, has also served Hawaii's library community as a Board Member of the UH Library and Information Science Alumni Group, a member of the ALA Government Documents Round Table, and as Vice President and now President of the Hawaii Library Association.

As HSPLS Employee of the Year, Chun will be honored at the Governor's Award Ceremony on October 14 at 2:30 p.m. in the State Capitol Auditorium.

**Fina Rivera**, Janitor II, Ewa Beach Public and School Library, is the 2011 Sustained Superior Performance Award winner.

Rivera has been a valued and respected member of the Ewa Beach Library staff for more than 30 years, and has brightened countless days for her fellow staff members with her cheery greetings and disposition. In addition to her regular work responsibilities, Rivera is always ready to pitch in to help make the library a happier place, and is always willing to assume additional projects, such as caring for the plants in the library's atrium or decorating the library for every major holiday. Rivera's contributions to the library are immeasurable, and, as her nomination indicates, "Fina's eventual retirement will be a day of mourning for the Ewa Beach Public and School Library staff."



Rivera

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The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) will also present a variety of children's storytellers this fall in a series of free programs. These programs are recommended for ages 5 and older. All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

The storytelling performances are made possible by a host of generous sponsors: The Friends of the Library of Hawaii, Ko Olina Hawaii, Marriott Resorts Hawaii, HMS Host, Meadow Gold Dairies, Hansen Distribution Group, Armstrong Produce, Roberts Hawaii Tours, DFS Hawaii, and Toshiba Business Solutions.

Visit the HSPLS website: [www.librarieshawaii.org](http://www.librarieshawaii.org) for a complete listing of these and other free programs presented in Hawaii's public libraries which are subject to change. Call the hosting library two weeks in advance (three weeks in advance for Neighbor Island libraries) if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed.

## Celebrate Filipino-American History Month

The Hawaii State Library will celebrate Filipino-American History Month 2011 by hosting "Filipino Komiks" photo and art exhibit, and free Saturday programs during October.

"Filipino Komiks," presented by the Filipino-American Historical Society of Hawaii, will be available for viewing in the First Floor Reading Room of the Library from October 1-29 during regular library hours. The exhibit explores how Filipinos express themselves through comics and the comics phenomena that captivates their society.

An Opening Ceremony to commemorate Filipino-American History month will be conducted on Oct. 1 from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. in the Courtyard. The ceremony will feature a welcome address by Philippine Consul Paul Cortes, entertainment by the Philippine Consulate Singers, a dance performance by the Tekniqlingz Dance Crew, and an introduction to "Filipino Komiks."

The following programs are suitable for all ages and will be conducted in the Library's First Floor Reading Room:

- Oct. 8, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. – "Genealogy" presentation by Bryan Quisquirin.
- Oct. 22, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. – "The Life of Dr. Jose Rizal" power point presentation and panel discussion.

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and U.S. Dept. of Justice consultant, will discuss ethical and legal use of the Internet.

- "Get Ready! Emergency Preparedness Workshops": Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m. – Kailua Public Library (ph: 266-9911) and on Nov. 6, 2 p.m. at Kaimuki Public Library (ph: 733-8422). Hurricane season runs through Nov. 30. The American Red Cross, Hawaii State Chapter and Kanu Hawaii will provide important information including when and where to evacuate.
- Oct. 5, 10:30 a.m. – "Is Your Child Ready for Kindergarten?," Pearl City Public Library (ph: 453-6566). The Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii's Ekuolu Eha Ike Pono School Readiness Project will present developmental, social-emotional, hearing and vision screenings for keiki ages 2 to 5, accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

• Oct. 5, 3 p.m. – "Storytelling Performance: Award-winning Storyteller Eric Wolf," Kaimuki Public Library (ph: 733-8422). Wolf has performed in more than 1,000 venues on three continents and is creator of the "Fairytale Forever" story collections, which explore the struggle between good and evil using traditional fables and fairytales and modern themes.

• Oct. 17, 6:30 p.m. – "Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine," Makawao Public Library (ph: 573-8785). John Motley, a licensed Acupuncturist, will share the history and modern day uses of oriental medicine.

• Nov. 3, 10:30 a.m. – "Preventing Dementia: The Importance of Brain Stimulation & Other Key Factors," Pearl City Public Library (ph: 453-6566). Clinical Neuropsychologist Dr. Thomas Harding will present proven brain stimulation principles and exercises that strengthen brain function and stop memory decline.

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## LIBRARY TOONS!

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