

“NERDS” Author Will Visit Hawaii

Appearing at Pearl City Library and Nene Award Ceremony

Best-selling children’s book author Michael Buckley (“NERDS: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society”), will announce the winner of the 2012 Nene Award in a ceremony at the Hawaii Okinawan Center on April 12 at 10 a.m. Invited students, librarians, and teachers will honor Buckley and “NERDS,” the 2011 Nene Award winner.



Buckley

Students participated in contests by submitting digital works, essays, creative writing, and posters celebrating “NERDS.” Contest winners will be honored at the ceremony. Perma-Bound Books will donate a copy of the 2012 award-winning title to each participating public library and school.

The Nene Award is presented to the favorite fiction book based on

a vote by the children of Hawaii in grades 4 through 6. This year, a total of 6,519 students from 76 public libraries, private and public schools statewide voted.

“NERDS” (2009) is a humorous story about a group of unpopular fifth graders who run a spy network from inside their school. With the help of cutting-edge science, they transform their nerdy qualities into incredible abilities to battle an array of James Bond-style villains, each with an evil plan more diabolical and more ridiculous than the last. “NERDS” is the first book of a three-part series. Buckley is also author of the popular “Sisters Grimm” series.

The annual Nene Award is supported by the Hawaii State Public Library System and State Department of Education. Sponsors include Kamehameha Schools, Hawaii Association of School Librarians, Hawaii Library Association, Perma-Bound Books, Scholastic Book Fairs, Friends of the Library of Hawaii, and Follett Library Resources.

Buckley will also be featured in a “Meet the Author” event for the public at Pearl City Public Library on April 12 at 3 p.m. He will discuss his book “NERDS” and there will be a Question-and-Answer session. Contact the Library as soon as possible if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed. For more information, please call Pearl City Public Library at 453-6566.



The Hawaii State Public Library System’s Presidents’ 100 Club Team participated in the 2012 Kaiser Permanente Great Aloha Run on February 20. The 8.15-mile race has donated more than \$9.1 million to Hawaii’s charities since 1985. Attending the “Ho’omaika’i” Post Race Party at Aloha Stadium were (front, l-r) Carole Suzui, Emily Dovermann, Hewitt Reynolds, Paul H. Mark; (back, l-r) Colette Young, Edna Weeks, Sheryl Lynch, and Stacie Kanno.

Library Building Receives Modern Art Makeover

The Hawaii State Public Library System’s Centralized Processing Center at 690 Pohukaina Street was among several



buildings in Kakaako chosen to receive free exterior mural paintings for the recent Pow Wow Hawaii 2012. More than 50 local, national, and international artists combined their talents and creative energies to transform the Kakaako neighborhood with art within a week. San Francisco artist Aaron De La Cruz created this “line” design on the building’s east side. Jasper Wong, local artist and Pow Wow organizer, explained the event’s purpose in his website, “It’s about the breaking down of those closed doors (where artwork is done) and making art accessible. Seeing creativity happen from beginning to end and bringing people together through art.” For more information about the non-profit organization, visit www.powwowhawaii.com.



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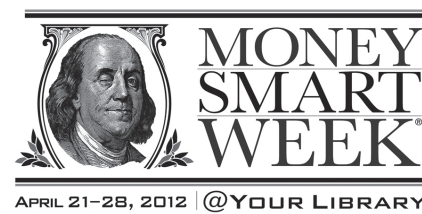
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April 2012

Be Akamai – Money Smart Week Events



Hawaii State Library will offer three free events during Money Smart Week @ your library (April 21-28). Money Smart Week @ your library is a public awareness campaign of the American Library Association and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago that is designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances.

“Four Legal Tools to Protect Yourself from Elder Abuse, Long-Term Care Expenses and Taxes” will be presented by **Attorney Scott Suzuki** on April 26 at 6 p.m. in the Hawaii & Pacific Reading Room. Suzuki is a volunteer community services attorney for the University of Hawaii at Manoa’s Elder Law Program. He will discuss power of attorney, advanced health care directives, the differences between wills and trusts, and options for financing long-term care, including insurance and Medicaid. This program for adults will include a

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Mark Your Calendars

April 6 – Good Friday and April 8 – Easter, all libraries closed. Some libraries will be open on April 7. Visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call your local library for public service hours.

Free Wi-Fi Available @ your library

Free wireless Internet access will be available in all public libraries statewide beginning on April 2. Patrons with personal laptops, smartphones, tablets, e-readers or other mobile devices may access the Internet in the public service areas of the library during open hours.



Users are advised to:

- Adjust the settings on your personal device to receive the wireless signal.
- Provide a valid library card number and PIN.
- Agree to the HSPLS Internet Acceptable Use policies. All users are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Internet Acceptable Use policies, which describe appropriate usage in the library, as well as risks and benefits of using the service.
- Bring your own personal headphones if you wish to hear audio on your device.
- Wi-fi signal will terminate 15 minutes before library closes.
- Wireless printing is not available.
- Attend to your personal devices and belongings at all times.
- Wi-fi users are cautioned that it is a public network; complete online safety is impossible to guarantee.

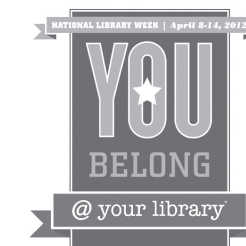
The wireless equipment is provided by Hawaii’s Access for All Grant through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and leveraged with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Opportunity Online funds. Matching funds were provided by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, the Omidyar Ohana Fund, through the Hawaii Community Foundation, and Alexander & Baldwin Foundation.

National Library Week

You Belong @ your Library

Whether you are a job seeker looking for resources to find a new job, a parent looking for free activities for children or a student searching for your next favorite book, you belong @ your library.

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) helps level the playing field by making both print and digital information available and accessible to everyone statewide – from keiki to kupuna. Our libraries provide a variety of free services such as Internet access with a valid library card, downloadable e-books, audiobooks, and e-music; performances, programs, displays, and exhibits



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for all ages; Toddler and Preschool Storytimes, 24/7 remote access to online databases and our Public Access Catalog, and much more.

“Hawaii’s public libraries provide communities with tailor-made collections and services for people of diverse backgrounds, language abilities and technological skills,” said State Librarian Richard Burns. “This year’s National Library Week is April 8 to 14. Please join our public libraries and librarians by celebrating the place where we all belong.”

Hawaii’s public libraries will host free programs throughout the month. Among the featured performers include: award-winning slack key guitarists **Jeff Peterson** and **John Keawe**, internationally-acclaimed poet and storyteller **Kealoha**, taiko drummer **Kenny Endo**, Balinese music and dance performers **I. Made Widana** and **Anna Reynolds**, local storytellers **Ben Moffat** and **Sandra MacLees**, and mask maker **Yukie Shiroma**.

The Friends of the Library of Hawaii, Marriott Resorts Hawaii, Ko Olina Hawaii, Meadow Gold Dairies, HMS Host, Hansen Distribution Group, Armstrong Produce, Bowman Connectivity Solutions, Toshiba Business Solutions, Girard’s Dressings, and Roberts Hawaii are sponsoring the National Library Week 2012 programs. Performances featuring artists from the Statewide Cultural Extension Program are co-sponsored by the University of Hawaii at Manoa Outreach College, Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Please visit www.librarieshawaii.org for a complete listing of National Library Week programs or call your local library to find out what programs will be offered.



Peterson Keawe Kealoha Endo Moffat



Widana and Reynolds MacLees Shiroma

Catch “Poetry Fever” and “Blue” at Oahu Libraries

The Honolulu Theatre for Youth will present free performances of two new stage productions - “Poetry Fever” and “Blue” - this spring at selected Oahu public libraries.

“Poetry Fever” injects humor to the written and spoken word to discuss topics ranging from local culture to school lunch. Material for the program is selected from 10 years of exceptional writing by Hawaii’s local students. “Poetry Fever” provides an authentic voice to the experiences of growing up



in modern-day Hawaii and encourages audiences to give thought and voice to their own experiences.

Middle and high school students are invited to catch “Poetry Fever”

at five selected Oahu libraries: April 7, 10:30 a.m. at **Aina Haina Public Library**; April 7, 3 p.m. at **Kailua Public Library**; April 16, 3 p.m. at **Kalihi-Palama Public Library**; April 25, 1:30 p.m. at **Mililani Public Library**; and April 28, 2 p.m. at **Aiea Public Library**.

“Blue” is happy in his blue world.

Then one day “color” comes into his life and things begin to change. “Blue,” recommended for ages 3 and older, introduces the idea of tolerance and understanding in an age appropriate theatrical experience.

See “Blue” at six selected libraries: April 13, 12:30 p.m. at **Mililani Public Library**; April 14, 10:30 a.m. at **Kailua Public Library**; April 21, 10:30 a.m. at **Aina Haina Public Library**; April 23, 10:30 a.m. at **Waianae Public Library**; April 23, 3 p.m. at **Pearl City Public Library**; and May 5, 10:30 a.m. at **Liliha Public Library**. Preschool-age children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Both 45-minute programs are sponsored through a grant from the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, Marriott Resorts Hawaii, Ko Olina Hawaii, HMS Host, Meadow Gold Dairies, Hansen Distribution Group, Armstrong Produce, Bowman Connectivity Solutions, Roberts Hawaii, Girard’s Dressings, and Toshiba Business Solutions. Additional support is provided by the Hawaii Council for the Humanities and Star Poets at Windward Community College. The program schedules are subject to change.

Contact the hosting library two weeks in advance if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed.

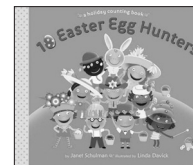
Recommended Children’s Books

By Julie-Ann Bocoock-Bliss, Children’s Librarian Intern, Kaimuki Public Library

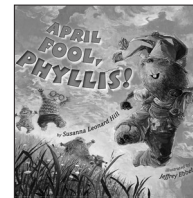
Betsygail Rand and *Colleen Rand*
BIG BUNNY
(Preschool-Grade 1)
Big Bunny’s size makes it hard for her to decorate Easter eggs and make baskets. How can the other bunnies show her that her size is not a problem?



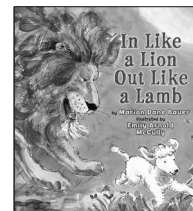
Janet Schulman
10 EASTER EGG HUNTERS
(Preschool-Grade 1)
It’s Easter time in this counting book! The bunny needs to hide eggs so the eager egg hunters can find them.



Susanna Leonard Hill
APRIL FOOL, PHYLLIS!
(Kindergarten-Grade 3)
It’s April 1, the day of the Spring Treasure Hunt! But will a spring blizzard ruin everyone’s fun?



Marion Dane Bauer
IN LIKE A LION, OUT LIKE A LAMB
(Preschool-Grade 3)
This book takes the well-known simile about March and turns it into a story with a literal lion and lamb. The lion wrecks all kinds of havoc and won’t go away until one day it lets out a giant sneeze that the lamb blows in on.



Lauren Tarshis
THE BOMBING OF PEARL HARBOR, 1941

(Grades 3-7) Danny, a recent transplant from New York, just wants to get back home and has plans to do it too. The Carmella is leaving Honolulu on December 7 and Danny has every intention of being on that boat.



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question-and-answer session. For more information, please call the Library’s Business, Science & Technology Section at 586-3481.

A “Money Smart Family Storytime” will be offered on April 28 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. For more information, please call the Library’s Edna Allyn Room for Children at 586-3510.

“ABC’s of Credit for Young Adults” will be presented by **Kimo Wong**, Vice President of Bank of Hawaii’s Waikiki Business Banking Center, on April 28 at noon in the Hawaii & Pacific Reading Room. Wong serves as the business banking manager and is also responsible for managing a portfolio of small business clients. He will discuss how to understand the basics of credit, credit reporting, credit scoring, the importance of having a good credit history, and what to do if credit problems occur. This program for young adults and adults will include an information packet and a question-and-answer session. Registration is requested; please call the Library’s Young Adult Section at 586-3490.

Contact the Library two weeks in advance if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed.

Free Comic Book Day

Annual event is coming to selected libraries in May

Mark your calendars! Thirteen libraries will offer readers free comic books on Saturday, May 5 in celebration of the 11th anniversary of Free Comic Book Day. Library patrons showing their valid Hawaii State Public Library System card will receive a special free comic book, while supplies last. Mahalo nui loa to Jelly’s the Original and Collector Maniacs for co-sponsoring this year’s event.

Free Comic Book Day (www.freecomicbookday.com) is celebrated worldwide on the first Saturday in May and participating libraries and comic book shops have given away millions of free comic books over the past 10 years. Each participating HSPLS library will offer a variety of comic books for all ages. Readers can choose from among popular series including *The Avengers*, *DC Comics: The New 52*, *Mega Man*, *Peanuts*, and *Star Wars*.

Participating public libraries include: Oahu – **Aiea Public Library**, **Aina Haina Public Library**, **Hawaii Kai Public Library**, **Kailua Public Library**, **Kapolei Public Library**, **Liliha Public Library**, **McCully-Moilili Public Library**, **Mililani Public Library**, **Waianae Public Library**, **Waimanalo Public & School Library**; Big Island – **Hilo Public Library**; and Maui – **Kihei Public Library** and **Lahaina Public Library**.

At press time, several related programs for this event had not been finalized. Please visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call the hosting libraries for updated information.

