



Online Database of the Month:

Testing and Education Reference Center

Are you preparing for college entrance exams, planning for graduate studies or starting a new career? Be sure to check out the **Testing and Education Reference Center (TERC)**, one of 40 online databases available as a free service to library patrons through the HSPLS website.

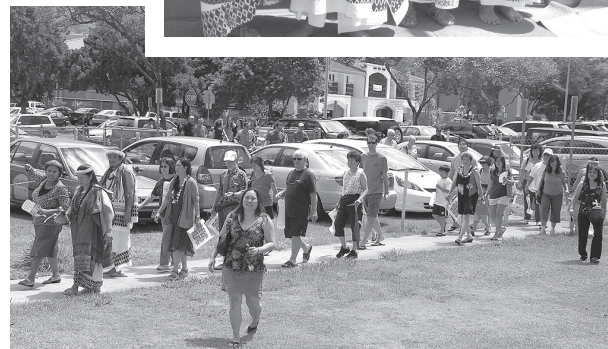
TERC, provided by Gale Cengage Learning, is a comprehensive database encompassing college searches, test preparation, financial aid information, as well as specialty and career program searches. TERC features more than 300 practice tests and courses, dozens of eBooks filled with valuable study material and practice tests, information about more than 4,000 accredited schools, scholarship search featuring \$8 billion in available scholarships, resume builder with more than 1,000 brainstorming phrases to get you started, and career modules covering subjects from career change to salary negotiations.

To access TERC, visit www.librarieshawaii.org, click on "Services," then the "Online Databases" button, scroll down and select "Testing and Education Reference Center." You will need your valid HSPLS library card number and PIN (personal identification number, usually the last four digits of your home phone number) in order to access these subscription databases from outside an HSPLS library.

Funding for these electronic services is provided by the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

A Grand Opening for new Manoa Public Library

More than 300 library enthusiasts and supporters attended the Grand Opening ceremony and program for the new Manoa Public Library on June 9. The \$10.3 million, 29,425-square-foot environmentally-friendly Library is located at 2716 Woodlawn Drive, the site of the original Library. The Library's features include: free Wi-Fi, computer laptop area, separate Programming Room, photovoltaic solar panels capable of generating at least 16.6 percent of its electrical needs, high-efficiency air-conditioning system, and covered parking for cars and bicycles. Top photo – Branch manager Christel Collins (3rd from right) welcomes (from left) Sen. Suzanne Chun Oakland, City Councilwoman Ann Kobayashi, Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Governor Neil Abercrombie, and State Librarian Richard Burns inside the new Library. Middle photo – Kahu Mahealani Wong (left) conducts a traditional Hawaiian blessing at the Library's entrance. Bottom photo – The "Manoa Library Book Brigade" approaches the interim Library site at Noelani Elementary School to hand carry some books back to the new Library across the street.



HSPLS Awarded Free eBooks Subscription

OverDrive, Inc., the primary eBooks distributor for America's public libraries, has awarded HSPLS a MAX subscription to the Duke Classics Collection. The 50-title subscription, valued at \$4,900, consists primarily of history, philosophy, religion, and classic fiction titles.

Since the subscription began in May, there have been more than 300 circulations of titles such as *The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton, *The Art of War* by Sun Tzu, and *The Breaking Point* by Mary Roberts Rinehart.



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Libraries Offer Free Wi-Fi for Patrons

Free wireless Internet access is now available at all public libraries statewide.

Since wireless Internet access was launched in libraries April 2, there have been more than 3,000 sessions per week. Patrons with personal laptops, smartphones, tablets, e-readers or other mobile devices may access the Internet in library public service areas during open hours.

Users are advised to:

- Adjust settings on your personal device to receive the wireless signal
- Provide a valid library card number and PIN
- Agree to HSPLS Internet Acceptable Use policies; all users are encouraged to get familiar with these 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 want to hear audio on the device

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Mark Your Calendars

July 4 – Fourth of July Holiday; all libraries will be closed. Visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call your local library for public service hours.



A Free Service for All HSPLS Patrons

Did you know the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) is the first public library system in the world to provide all of its patrons with free access to the Microsoft IT Academy and its Digital Literacy Program?

Hawaii's library patrons have access to more than 350 Microsoft Certified Technology courses plus a multitude of Digital Literacy Resources 24/7/365 through the HSPLS website (www.librarieshawaii.org), courtesy of a public-private partnership that began in November 2011. Nearly 2,700 patrons have registered to use the IT Academy as of April 30.

The IT Academy provides access to e-learning, certification preparation, and Microsoft course materials, which will help users to qualify for and acquire industry-recognized Microsoft Office Specialist, Microsoft Technology Associate or Microsoft Certified Professional certifications. Funding for the Microsoft IT Academy is provided by the federal Library Services and Technology Act, which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The IT Academy is available free to Hawaii's library patrons with valid library cards via any device that can access the internet using Internet Explorer. Here in Hawaii, hundreds of thousands of library cardholders will have unlimited access to these Microsoft courses, which range from basic computer skills to advanced system architecture and design. The courses are self-paced, several sessions in length, and patrons can stop and resume their coursework at their convenience.

For more information, please visit www.librarieshawaii.org.

North Kohala Library Receives LEED Gold Certification



North Kohala Public Library continues to achieve milestones; this time the U.S. Green Building Council awarded the Library the coveted Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification.

The \$7.8 million, 6,000 square foot Library located on the Island of Hawaii, reflects the nature of North Kohala by utilizing its surrounding areas to provide most of its own resources. Designed by CDS International, the Library offers creative and innovative design features such as wind and

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photovoltaic energy systems, water catchments and retention systems, and design elements to maximize ambient lighting and ventilation. The Library harvests rain-water, employs natural daylight and air and harnesses the sun and wind to produce 75 percent of its energy use. The building design and systems were completed all within budget.

North Kohala Public Library was honored this past May as the first place winner of the 2012 NAIOP Hawaii Kukulu Hale Green Building Project Award. The Library opened on November 8, 2010 and is located at 54-3645 Akoni Pule Highway.

See Award-winning Author-Illustrator's Artwork

On Display at Hawaii State Library

Original artwork and preparatory sketches by James Rumford, an award-winning children's book author-illustrator, are currently on display at the Hawaii State Library through August 15.



Rumford

"The Many Worlds of James Rumford" exhibit is available for viewing in the koa wood case in the Adult Reading Room during Library open hours. Rumford's featured artwork includes: *Tales from Africa*, *Tales from Hawaii Nei*, *Tales from Far Away*, and *Stories of Discovery*. The exhibit coincides with last month's Children's Literature Hawaii Conference where Rumford was a featured keynote speaker.

Rumford, who has been writing

and illustrating books for children since 1996, received several awards such as two Zolotow Awards, a Siebert Honor Award, two Jane Addams Peace Awards, and the Sugarman Award for American Biography.

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- Attend to your personal devices and belongings at all times
- In addition, users should note:
- Wi-fi signal will terminate 15 minutes before library closes.
- Wireless printing is not available.
- The library Wi-fi is a public network; complete online safety is impossible to guarantee.

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.

Adult Students Learn about Library and Life

By Hillary Chang, Branch Manager, McCully-Moilili Public Library

For more than six years, Linnel Yamashita, Adult Services Librarian at McCully-Moilili Public Library, has presented an orientation class for English as a Second Language students at Kaimuki Community School for Adults.

Yamashita and School instructor Martin Chong agree that the orientation class offers a win-win

situation for the students as well as the Hawaii State Public Library System.

"Providing a library visit as part of the course really benefits the students," said Yamashita. "They 'get out of the house' so to speak, and are introduced to a larger world."

Yamashita also noticed an increase in the enrollment of the ESL classes over the years. "Each class began with about a dozen students but now they have about 20-30 students."

How did this happen? "Students feel comfortable about returning to the Library once they overcome the barrier of going there for the first time," said Chong. "Working with Linnel provides an opportunity for students to get a library card and see how it can benefit them as well as their families. Her presentations broaden their outlook on life and the importance of education."

Chong schedules a library orientation class three times a year, and encourages his students to view the library not only as a communication resource but also a community resource. "Reading to themselves and their children reinforces the importance of learning English," Chong said. "But our students will also come back because of the variety of services the library offers such as free computer use and very affordable DVD rentals."



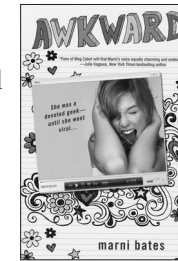
Linnel Yamashita (standing-left), Adult Services Librarian at McCully-Moilili Public Library, and **Martin Chong** (right), ESL Instructor at Kaimuki Community School for Adults, conduct a library orientation class for adult students at the Library. Photo courtesy of McCully-Moilili Public Library

New Teen Titles

By Lauren Yamasaki, Young Adult & Senior Services Librarian, Aina Haina Public Library

Marni Bates
AWKWARD

(Gr. 7-12) High school junior Mackenzie is a geeky Invisible who tutors Logan, hockey team captain and most eligible Notable. Just when she thought her life couldn't get any more awkward, she inadvertently becomes a YouTube sensation.



Ann Aguirre
ENCLAVE

(Gr. 7-12) In this Hunger Games read-alike, the average human lifespan is 25 for those lucky enough not to sicken or get eaten by zombie Freaks. Hunting partners Deuce and Fade must venture into underground tunnels in search of meat for their small settlement of survivors.



Geoff Herbach
STUPID FAST

(Gr. 9-12) At the age of fifteen, Felton undergoes a massive growth spurt and transforms from dork to football star over the course a few months. Suddenly courted by coaches, popular kids, and the new girl in the neighborhood, he struggles to keep his troubled home life a secret.



Robin LaFevers
GRAVE MERCY

(Gr. 9-12) Posing as the cousin of the handsome Lord Duval,



Ismae must infiltrate the Duchess of Brittany's court and assassinate traitors to the crown, but can she follow orders to kill when her target has found a way into her heart?

Ally Carter
OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF TIME

(Gr. 7-12) The Gallagher Girls series continues as Cammie awakens in a convent with a beaten body and blank mind. Returning to her beloved spy school for senior year, she finds her best friend and boyfriend together, her classmates suspicious of her sanity, and her mother begging her not to seek out her lost memories.



Kirsten Hubbard
WANDERLOVE

(Gr. 9-12) Bria escapes to Guatemala for the summer before college, seeking adventure and a fresh start after a bitter break-up. Latching on to experienced backpacker Rowan, she discovers a new way of traveling and experiencing the world.



HSPLS Participates in Workshop for Seniors

By Colette Young and Miriam Sato, Section Heads, Hawaii State Library

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) participated as an exhibitor at the 6th annual "Aging in Place" Workshop on May 26 at Ala Moana Hotel, courtesy of sponsors KHON-TV2's Elderhood Project and *Generations Magazine*.

More than 500 seniors, their families and caregivers attended the

workshop which offered a variety of programs such as "Reversing Aging & Disease in 10 Days," "Long Term Care Insurance," "Government Programs for Seniors," "How to Choose a Caregiver," and "Exercises for Balance & Healthy Function." HSPLS staff presented information about the Library System's diverse services available for seniors and their caregivers.

HSPLS staff also provided information about library services such as the Microsoft IT Academy, online databases, OverDrive e-books and audiobooks, and programs including our Children's, Teen, and Adult Summer Reading Programs, as well as materials about aging and caring for the elderly. In addition, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped staff demonstrated the digital talking book machine, displayed large print materials, and shared information about their services for the visually impaired.



Maui Mayor **Alan Arakawa** (right) visited Molokai Public Library June 7 and presented the County of Maui Certificate of Recognition to Branch Manager **Sri TenCate** in celebration of the Library's 75th Anniversary. The Library celebrated this milestone event May 23 with hula, dance, jazz, special music, and exhibits. The Library opened on May 21, 1937 and provides the only public library services on Molokai.

Photo courtesy of Molokai Public Library