

New State Librarian

Stacey A. Aldrich Starts April 6

(Editor's Note: The following is a brief message from Ms. Aldrich to our patrons.)

Aloha! My name is Stacey Aldrich, and I am honored to have been selected by the Board of Education to join the Hawaii State Public Library System as the new State Librarian. How lucky am I to join one of the most amazing public library systems in the country!



I believe our libraries are powerful spaces that enhance the life of the mind in each of our communities. We support self-sufficiency and the success of each person who walks through the physical or virtual doors. The health

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Mark Your Calendars

April 3 - Good Friday and April 5 - Easter, all libraries closed. Some libraries will be open on Saturday, April 4. Visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call your local library for public service hours.
April 7, 1 p.m. - Kapaa Public Library 60th Anniversary Celebration featuring a brief program, the Kapaa Senior Center Ukulele Band, a keiki craft activity (spring theme), cake and refreshments. Other special programs will be presented throughout the month. Call 821-4422 for more information.

HSPLS Salutes Thousands of Library Volunteers

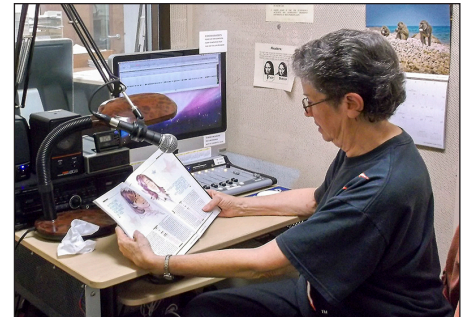
In celebration of National Volunteer Week 2015 (April 12-18), the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) would like to salute our more than 2,000 volunteers who donated their time and efforts in Fiscal Year (FY) 2014.

A total of 2,455 volunteers (adults and youth) contributed 117,060 hours to 48 public libraries and two support offices of HSPLS during FY 2014. These totals represent a 48.8 percent increase over the number of hours in 2013 (78,621). If HSPLS paid minimum wage to these volunteers at \$7.25 per hour, the 117,060 hours of work donated would equate to an incredible \$848,685!

Among the most popular duties that library volunteers perform is summer reading program assistance, book cleaning, book shelving, shelf reading, donation sorting, and donation pricing.

A notable example of how volunteers helped our libraries was when the

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Judy Van Zile, a long-time LBPH Volunteer, proofreads a magazine that she had recorded earlier in one of the Library's sound booths. Photo courtesy of LBPH

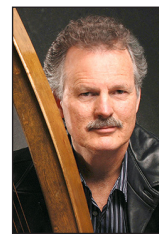
National Library Week

Unlimited possibilities @ your Library

Hawaii's public libraries will offer free educational and entertaining programs throughout the month of April in celebration of National Library Week 2015 (April 12-18). Our National Library Week programs are suitable for ages 5 and older unless noted otherwise, and young children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.



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Ball



Moffat

National Library Week is a national observance sponsored each April by the American Library Association and libraries nationwide. It is a time to highlight the important role of libraries, librarians and library workers.

"Unlimited possibilities @ your Library" is the theme selected by ALA for this year's National Library Week. "The library has always been a place of unlimited possibilities," said Interim State Librarian Stacie Kanno. "Whatever your interest or need, the library and the library staff are here to provide you the resources you need to accomplish your goals and dreams."

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Cast-Glass Sculpture Dedicated at Manoa Public Library

“The Spirit of Manoa: In The Light of Day,” a cast-glass sculpture by artist Rick Mills, was dedicated in a ceremony before 80 invited guests at Manoa Public Library March 20. The five mountain-like forms, located above the lobby entrance, are an abstract depiction of the interior of Manoa Valley, referred to as ‘Aka ‘Aka (laughter) and Waiakeakua (the water of the god).



Library Branch Manager Christel Collins (2nd from left) welcomed distinguished guests (l-r) Artist Rick Mills, Representative Isaac Choy, Senator Brian Taniguchi, Interim State Librarian Stacie Kanno, and State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Executive Director Jonathan Johnson prior to the ceremony.

HSPLS Salutes Thousands of Library Volunteers, from front page

Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped (LBPH) put out a call for adult volunteer readers for their popular recording and Radio Reading Service programs through an HSPLS news release issued in October 2014.

A KITV4 Morning News Show interview last November featuring Outreach Volunteer Coordinator Lei Nihei and Hui o Na Makamaka Chairperson Deanna Espinas resulted in a response from 18 adults of which nine took and passed the required voice audition, and seven are currently volunteers.

“The Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped has depended on volunteers in various capacities over the years,” said Sue Sugimura, LBPH Acting Branch Manager. “Volunteers are essential to the operations of LBPH’s Radio Reading Service and local book production. As our pool of volunteers has decreased due to retirement, illness, relocation to the mainland, and other things, there was a need to recruit new volunteers. Library Technician Sharon Fong of our Transcribing Services Section serves

as the point person for our volunteers – coordinating voice auditions and managing their work schedules.”

Long-time volunteer Rosemary Wolfe found out about the Library’s need while covering a trade show as a volunteer for a TV news station. “I met Fusako Miyashiro (retired LBPH Branch Manager) at the Library’s booth who told me about the opportunity to volunteer recording articles for LBPH patrons,” said Wolfe. “I passed the initial audition and am now doing the “live” radio program on Tuesdays. I enjoy doing the recordings,” she said.

And how do the radio listeners feel? “I always hear positive feedback from patrons,” said Library Technician Nani Hee of LBPH’s Transcribing Services Section. “They are always thanking us for the service and how they enjoy it, especially the grocery ads. For them, this is one way they can have some independence of their own.”


Our public libraries especially need student volunteers in middle school through high school to assist with the upcoming popular summer reading programs. If you would like to volunteer your time and talents, please contact your local public library.

Mililani Library Celebrates Dr. Seuss Read Day



More than 50 people enjoyed Mililani Public Library’s recent Dr. Seuss Read Day event featuring special guest readers: (l-r) Firefighter Derek Takita, Mililani Fire Station 36 (“Hop on Pop”), Representative Ryan Yamane (“Sneetches”), Senator Michelle Kidani (“Cat in the Hat”), and Representative Beth Fukumoto Chang (“Green Eggs and Ham”). Not in photo: HPD Community Affairs Division Officer Tony Ozoa (“Oh the Places You’ll Go”).

Photo courtesy of Mililani Public Library



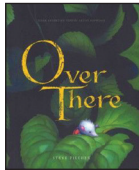
Recommended Children's Books

By Jolene Miyaji and Diane Todd,
Children's Librarians *

Steve Pilcher

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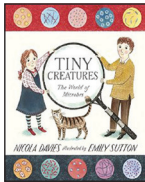
(Preschool-Gr. 2) A little shrew named Shredder leaves his home to explore an unknown shiny object. He overcomes many obstacles along the way and discovers the real treasure is friendship.



Nicola Davies

TINY CREATURES: THE WORLD OF MICROBES

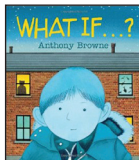
(Kindergarten-Gr.3) Simple text and intricate drawings describe the unexpected beautiful world of Microbes. Children will have an easy time grasping basic microbiology.



Anthony Browne

WHAT IF...?

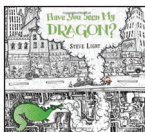
(Kindergarten-Gr. 3) Joe is worried about attending a party and imagines many amusing scenarios. Will Joe enjoy the party or "What if..." his worst fears come true?



Steve Light

HAVE YOU SEEN MY DRAGON?

(Preschool-Gr. 2) A little boy searches for his missing dragon in New York City. Count with him and then try to spot the dragon on each page.



Oliver Jeffers

ONCE UPON AN ALPHABET

(Gr. 1- 4) Did you know



that every letter in the alphabet has a story? From an astronaut afraid of heights to the Zeppelin he drives, this alphabet comes alive.

Cece Bell

EL DEAFO

(Gr. 2 -6) In this Newbery Honor graphic novel, Cece is deaf. She is also a Superhero with super-hearing powers – El Deafo!



* Miyaji (Waipahu Public Library); Todd (Kapolei Public Library)

National Library Week,

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Featured programs include:

- **Celtic Harp and Story** - Award-winning Celtic harp player and highly-acclaimed storyteller **Patrick Ball** returns to Hawaii featuring his intriguing Celtic tales of Ireland enhanced by the exquisite sounds of his Maplewood harp. Ball, the recipient of numerous national awards in both music and spoken word categories, has recorded nine instrumental and three spoken word albums which have collectively sold more than one-half million copies worldwide. He will perform at six selected Maui County and Oahu libraries beginning April 1.

- **Mr. Spelunker's Adventures and River of Dreams** – Popular local storyteller **Ben Moffat** will offer a unique storytelling performance using puppetry, stilts, magic, music, and movement. See Moffat perform at eight selected Big Island, Oahu, and Kauai libraries starting April 2. These programs are suitable for ages 3 and older. Young children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

- **Hawaiian Steel Guitar and the Blues** – Four-time Grammy Award winner **Bobby Ingano**,

best known for his blues guitar and Hawaiian steel guitar music since 1980, will perform and share his perspective on the music of Hawaii. Ingano, who was born in Lanai City, is internationally regarded as Hawaii's best steel guitarist since the passing of steel icon Jerry Byrd. Ingano will perform at five selected Oahu, Kauai, and Molokai libraries beginning April 8.

For a listing of these and other performances as well as a complete listing of 2015 National Library Week programs, visit www.librarieshawaii.org or call your local library to find out what programs will be offered. Program schedules are subject to change.

National Library Week programs are provided by a grant from the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, Atherton Family Foundation, Hawaii State Federal Credit Union, HEI Charitable Foundation, Meadow Gold Dairies, HMS Host, Hansen Distribution Group, DFS Hawaii, Roberts Hawaii, Toshiba Business Solutions, and Aloha United Way. Additional funding and support is provided by the University of Hawaii at Manoa's Outreach College, Statewide Cultural Extension Program, Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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

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of our communities is enhanced when we have strong libraries that provide opportunities for learning 21st Century skills and literacies, connecting people to the world of information and ideas, and creating spaces for community engagement.

I look forward to dreaming big and continuing to build the future of the Hawaii State Public Library System with you!

Spotlight on:

Princeville Public Library

By Janet Perea



Princeville Public Library is located on the North Shore of Kauai at 4343 Emmalani Drive. Designed by Kauai-born architect Maurice Yamasato, our beautiful library opened on April 14, 1999.

Located on 1.5 acres, the library provides patrons unobstructed views of the peaks of Po'oku and Kaukaopua Mountains and the Halealea Forest Reserve through multiple windows in four wings of the building. When the weather is just right, waterfalls can be seen on the peaks of the mountains.

The 14,000-square foot facility serves 11,000 borrowers with a collection containing 50,419 materials. We offer netbooks for loan, several patron Internet computers, DVD rentals, a drive-through book drop as well as a walk-up book drop; and a quiet room for patrons to enjoy.

The Friends of the North Shore

Library at Princeville hosts quarterly booksales, and bookcases are set up in the library for visitors or patrons who wish to expand their home collection. On the second Wednesday of each month, the Friends host the Dotty Nakea Memorial Speaker Program featuring presentations of local interest to our North Shore residents. The Friends coordinated this month's exhibit in our two display cases featuring healing crystals.

Upcoming events include: weekly story and craft programs, Lego Jr. Maker activity on the first and third Wednesday of each month, Family Board Game Day on the

See HTY's "Happy" at 11 Oahu Libraries



The Honolulu Theatre for Youth (HTY) will present its world premiere of "Happy" at 11 selected Oahu public libraries from April 2 through May 9. The City & County of Honolulu Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts is sponsoring this library tour for keiki ages 3 and older at 10 of the libraries. The Friends of the Library of Hawaii is sponsoring the performance at Kapolei Public Library.

Created by Annie Cusick Wood, "Happy" is a play that focuses on what makes people happy. The actors explore empathy, kindness, friendship, and things that make people smile.

"Happy" will be performed at the following libraries: April 2, 6 p.m. at **Wahiawa Public Library**, April 4, 10:30 a.m. at **Kailua Public Library**, April 8, 3 p.m. at **Kaneohe Public Library**, April 11, 10:30 a.m. at **Mililani Public Library**, April 11, 3 p.m. at **Waianae Public Library**, April 17, 2:30 p.m. at **Kaimuki Public Library**, April 18, 10:30 a.m. at **Kapolei Public Library**, April 23, 3 p.m. at **Aiea Public Library**, April 25, 11 a.m. at **Manoa Public Library**, May 2, 11:30 a.m. at **Waipahu Public Library**, and May 9, 10:30 a.m. at **Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library**. All keiki must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Contact the hosting library as soon as possible if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed. For more information, please call the hosting library.

second Saturday of each month, and Family Movie Matinee on the last Saturday of each month. In May, we will be participating in the 2015 Free Comic Book Day event on Saturday, May 2.

Princeville Public Library is open on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and closed on Sunday and Monday. For more information about our services and programs, please call 826-4310.

Kahuku Library Celebrates Pi Day with Pie Contests

Kahuku Public & School Library Branch Manager Lea Domingo (left) and School Librarian Cecile Oshima (right) appeared on the KHON Wake Up 2Day Show with anchor Diane Ako March 9 to publicize the Library and School's Math Madness contests prior to Pi Day (3.14.15; visit www.piday.org).



Ted Nakamura (left), owner of Ted's Bakery and Kahuku Intermediate & High School alumnus, served as a celebrity judge for the Library's Pie Bake-off Contest event March 12 which was attended by approximately 30 people. Nakamura, whose bakery was contest sponsor, awarded Maryanne Long a pi (e) trophy and gift certificate for one cream pie as winner of the Healthiest Pie (Garden Salad Pie) category.



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