Public Librarian of Year and Award Winners Chosen



Don Ramos and Baron Baroza

riends of the Library of Hawaii
(FLH) and co-sponsor Native
Books Na Mea Hawaii honored
Baron Baroza, Aiea Public
Library Branch Manager, as the
2014 Public Librarian of the Year, and
Don Ramos, Library Assistant III of
Kahuku Public & School Library, as
the 2014 Excellence in Service Award
winner in a reception and awards
ceremony at the Hawaii State Library
during the Friends' annual meeting
February 19.

Baroza, who has served as Aiea Public Library's Branch Manager since 2012, was instrumental

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All public libraries will be closed: March 26 – Prince Kuhio Day Holiday

For public service hours, please visit www.librarieshawaii.org.

Board of Education Appoints New State Librarian



he Board of Education announces the appointment of **Stacey A. Aldrich** as the new State Librarian effective April 6. She will fill the position which was vacated by the retirement of Richard Burns as of December 31, 2014.

The candidate was a unanimous recommendation of the selection committee. Ms. Aldrich has a Master of Library Science and served as the State Librarian of California and the Deputy Secretary for the Office of Commonwealth Libraries of Pennsylvania.

"Stacey brings a wealth of experience in library

leadership and community engagement. She is committed to working with our dedicated staff to reposition our libraries to meet the 21st century needs of our individual communities," said Board of Education Chairperson Don Horner.

Ms. Aldrich was selected by the Library Journal as one of the top fifty-five professionals "who are shaping the future of libraries" and was awarded the LINK AMERICAS Foundation Knowledge Award for vision and leadership in the area of digital literacy.

Financial Literacy for Keiki to Kupuna

HSPLS Receives \$100,000 Grant

awaii State Public Library
System (HSPLS) is the
recipient of a \$100,000 grant
from the Financial Industry
Regulatory Authority (FINRA)
Investor Education Foundation and



the American Library Association (ALA). HSPLS was among 21 recipients who shared \$1.8 million in grants as part of the Smart investing@your library initiative.

Smart investing@your library is administered by the Reference and User Services Association – a division of ALA – and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. The program funds library efforts to provide patrons with effective, unbiased educational resources about personal finance and investing. Since its inception in 2007, the program has awarded a total of \$10 million to public libraries, community college libraries and library networks nationwide.

In this 18-month grant administered through the Friends of the Library

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in guiding his staff through the construction phase and move into a new building which opened in July 2014. Baroza began his career with the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) in 2007 as an entrylevel librarian in the Hawaii State Library's Library Operations section, and also served as Kaimuki Public Library's Young Adult Librarian where he managed a large Young Adult collection and initiated new outreach programs.

Ramos, who has served as Kahuku Public & School Library's Library Assistant III for more than 30 years, is extremely dedicated, hardworking, and talented. Ramos has used his graphic art skills to produce eye-catching displays and programs for the Library.

The winners received a personalized rosewood plaque, Makana Akamai certificate to purchase books for their respective libraries, cash awards from the FLH, a gift card and the book "Ke Kumu Aupuni" from Native Books Na Mea Hawaii. Library patrons and staff are invited to submit nominations and the awardees are chosen by an FLH committee.

Cynthia Lee, Shirley Naito and Mitsue Stout were also honored



Public Librarian of the Year Baron Baroza (center), Excellence in Service Awardee Don Ramos (turquoise shirt), were joined in the celebration by Interim State Librarian Stacie Kanno (2nd from right) and FLH officials (I-r) Keith Oda, Lynnae Lee, Marlene Booth, Jane Dickson, Nainoa Mau, and Rebecca Nadler.

as the 2014 FLH Volunteers of the Year. Kay McClain, who created a beautiful quilt on behalf of her father, former FLH volunteer Tom Ferguson, received Special Recognition at the event. The quilt is on display in the Hawaii State Library Lobby.

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of Hawaii, the Hawaii State Public Library System will present free multigenerational financial literacy programs using performance, competitions, online engagement and workshops to improve patrons' financial skills. For students in kindergarten through grade 6, HSPLS



will partner with the National Theatre for Children to present dramatic performances of "Showdown at Cash Canyon." Participating children will learn the importance of longterm savings and the skills needed to achieve it. Performances will be combined with access to the theatre's online learning platform, which will provide interactive exercises designed to reinforce concepts introduced during the "live" performances.

Tweens and teens will have an opportunity to test their skills in a "LifeSmarts" competition sponsored



by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) Office of the Securities Commissioner's Investor Education Program. LifeSmarts is a free consumer education competition for students in grades 6 through 12.

Adults and seniors will be invited to attend presentations on safeguarding investments, understanding predatory lending and avoiding fraud. HSPLS and the DCCA Office of the Securities Commissioner's Investor Education Program will co-host these presentations at selected public libraries.

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

Celebrate National Library Week in April

Libraries will host free special events during the month of April. "Unlimited Possibilities @ your library" is the theme. Award-winning Celtic harp player and highly-acclaimed storyteller Patrick Ball as well as noted artists and performers from the University of Hawaii's Statewide Cultural



Extension Program, will be featured at selected libraries. See the Holo I Mua April issue or HSPLS website for more information.



By DeHanza Kwong, Young Adult Librarian Mililani Public Library

Jandy Nelson

I'LL GIVE YOU THE SUN

(Gr 9-12) Although they have completely different personalities, twins Jude



and Noah are inseparable. When competition and misfortune drive them apart, both must learn that people closest to them can make their lives stronger even if it takes time to heal. Winner of the 2015 Michael Printz Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature.

Laura Rose Wagner HOLD TIGHT, DON'T LET GO

(Gr. 9-12) Fifteen-year-old Magdalie lost everything in the earthquake that hit



Haiti, including her home and family. In the aftermath, she must grow up quickly and come to terms with the difficulty of survival.

Shaun David Hutchinson

THE FIVE STAGES OF ANDREW BRAWLEY

(Gr. 10-12) After tragedy strikes, Andrew Brawley finds himself as the only



one of his family still left alive. He hides in a hospital to forget everything, but is the hope he finds in a new friend enough to save him?

Victoria Laurie

WHEN

(Gr 9-12) Maddie Fynn's special ability has always been a part of her life. When her ability



starts attracting the wrong kind of attention, she finds herself suspected of murder and everything begins to spiral out of control.

Marissa Meyer

FAIREST

(Gr 8-12) Queen Levana's story is finally revealed without the glamour. Is she evil in its purest form or is



there history that caused such twisted madness?

Holly Black

THE DARKEST PART OF THE FOREST

(Gr 8-12) In Fairfold nothing is normal. Fairies, humans, and



other creatures live together in strange harmony. But once the delicate balance of magic is broken, Hazel and her brother Ben must confront forbidden secrets to save their land.

Libraries Host Teen Tech Week Events

n celebration of **Teen Tech Week 2015** (March 8-14), the **Hawaii State Public Library System** will present free programs and events at three public libraries:



• Hawaii State Library-Young **Adult Section** – March 1-7: **Instagram Photo Contest** for ages 12-18; take a photo of how you make a connection @ this Library and win a prize. March 14: Teen Craft Event, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. – The Instagram Contest grand prize winner of a 16 GB USB shark flash drive will be announced at 11:30 a.m. and teens can make luggage tags, keychain and jewelry crafts using recycled tech items. Sponsor: Friends of the Library of Hawaii. Information: call

586-3490.

- Kailua-Kona Public Library - March 3-10: **Instagram Photo** Contest for ages 12-18 at Young Adult Section; take a photo of yourself making a connection @ this Library for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift card. March 10: Video Gaming Day, 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. on lanai –Teens ages 13-17 can play Hyrule Warriors and Xenoblade Chronicles first come, first served; free chips and soda. March 14: **Cell Phone Charging Station** or Felt Case Craft Event, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; announcement of Instagram Photo Contest Winner. Sponsors: Friends of the Libraries, Kona and Kailua-Kona Public Library. Information: call 327-4327.
- Manoa Public Library March 7: Learn About 3-D Printing, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Programming Room. A representative from 3-D Printing will share information about this new technology and how it can be applied to everyday life. See a live demonstration of 3-D printing with assistance from Roosevelt High School students. Event is for ages 12-18. Information: call 988-0459.

Call the hosting library as soon as possible if a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is needed for these events.

Teen Tech Week, a national initiative sponsored by the American Library Association's Young Adult Library Services Association, is aimed at teens, parents, educators and other concerned adults. "Libraries are for Making ..." is this year's theme encouraging teens and their families to visit their local libraries to check out the many digital resources and services offered to help teens succeed in school and prepare for college and careers.

Spotlight on:

Kapaa Public Library

By Lani Kawahara

apaa Public Library, located at 4-1464 Kuhio Highway, will celebrate 60 years of service to the community this year. Plans are underway for a 60th Anniversary celebration this spring that will feature an open house, local music, and light refreshments.

Kapaa Public Library, which opened on March 12, 1955 is one of six public libraries on the Garden Island, and one of two oceanfront public libraries in Hawaii. It serves the largest population center on Kauai. Patrons are a large mix of local families spanning many ethnicities and cultures and tourists from around the world.

Kapaa Public Library evokes a "small-town" atmosphere. The



Kapaa Public Library

building is cozy (6,600 sq. feet) and the staff is friendly and helpful.

Although there is a small-town feel to the library, it also offers the latest technology with several public Internet stations connected to a 1G fiber optic network and free Wi-Fi for library card holders.

The library's collection of new and popular DVDs, books and other materials continues to grow. Online databases, eBooks, AudioBooks and online courses are also popular and can be accessed from home 24/7, making us a true library without walls.

The Friends of Kapaa Public Library supplement our Library's new titles with funds raised at a large book sale conducted annually in October. The Friends also generously sponsor library programs, and help purchase equipment, furniture and other materials for our library.

Kapaa Public Library is open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday from noon to 8 p.m. and closed on Saturday and Sunday. For more information about our Library's 60th Anniversary Celebration, our services and programs, please call 821-4422.

See HTY's "Happy" at Neighbor Island Libraries

he Honolulu Theatre for Youth (HTY) will present its world premiere of "Happy" at nine Neighbor Island public libraries from March 9 through May 19. This special library tour for keiki ages 3 and older is sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Hawaii.



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.

See "Happy" at the following libraries: March 9, 12:15 p.m. at **Mountain View Public & School**

Library (phone: 968-2322), March 10, 3 p.m. at Hilo Public Library (933-8888), March 11, 2:30 p.m. at Thelma Parker Public & School Library (887-6067), March 12, 2:30 p.m. at Kailua-Kona Public Library (327-4327), March 20, 3 p.m. at Lihue Public Library (241-3222), March 21, 11 a.m. at Princeville Public Library (826-4310), March 23, 3 p.m. at Molokai Public Library (553-1765), April 14, 5 p.m. at Kahului Public Library (873-3097), and May 19, 10 a.m. at Lanai Public & School Library (565-7920). 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.

An Oahu performance tour in April and May is currently being coordinated. Visit www. librarieshawaii.org for a complete schedule.



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