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QUARTERLY REPORT

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The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) is dedicated to supporting each community we serve. Our energy is focused on: a literate Hawaii, 21st Century Skills, information connections, cultural heritage, community connections, learning opportunities, and spaces for people to gather. The following report is designed to provide highlights from April to September 2017.

NEW SERVICES

New Services - Try **BOOKFLIX**

The Hawaii State Public Library System now introduces Bookflix, a great new ebook resource for Keiki and families to read together! Bookflix offers an interactive reading and learning experience for pre-Kindergarten to 3rd grade readers.

It pairs animated stories from Weston Woods with best-selling non-fiction Scholastic ebooks in order to:

- Build early literacy skills and vocabulary
- Strengthen fluency
- Support reading comprehension and oral language gains
- Build real world knowledge
- Teach beginning readers to differentiate fiction from nonfiction



All you need is your HSPLS library card! For more information, go to librarieshawaii.org and under "Browse" go to "eBooks," then click "Bookflix for kids." Try it today!

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE WINNERS



Congratulations to this year's winning essayists, from left **Alyss Valerio**, **Milia McCoy**, and **Mia Kuromaru**.

Letters About Literature (LAL) is a reading-writing promotion program supported by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, and is for students in grades 4-12. Contestants read a book, poem or speech and write a letter to the author (living or dead) explaining how it affected them personally.

As the Center for the Book in Hawaii, the Hawaii State Library annually encourages students to write a letter to their favorite author and be a part of LAL. The local winning essays are sent

Letters About Literature Winners continued

to the Center of the Book to represent Hawaii at the national level, where there is an opportunity to compete and win a \$1,000 cash award.

The essayists who won 1st Place in their respective competition levels were:

Level I (Gr. 4-6) – **Alyss Valerio**, Gr. 5, St. Anthony School, essay on *I Funny: A Middle School Story* by **James Paterson**

Level II (Gr. 7-8) – **Milia McCoy**, Gr. 8, School for Examining Essential Questions of Sustainability (SEEQS), essay on *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by **Garth Stein**

Level III (Gr. 9-12) – **Mia Kuromaru**, Gr. 9, Iolani School, essay on *Night* by **Elie Wiesel**

State Librarian, Stacey Aldrich, and Young Adult Services Coordinator, Edna Weeks, were pleased to honor these students at a ceremony at the Hawaii State Library on May 13th. Each received a \$100 cash award and certificate. Their essays are being sent to the Center for the Book and will represent Hawaii this year at the national level. Best wishes to these amazing young writers!

HAWAII BOOK AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

This year the Hawaii State Public Library System had a larger presence at the May 6-7, 2017 Hawaii Book and Music Festival (HBMF) than in previous years. We coordinated three venues: the celebration of the 2017 Nene Awards, an HSPLS booth and coordination of the Kristi Yamaguchi Reading Corner.

For the first time, the annual celebration of the Nene Awards was held at the HBMF. The Nene Awards promotes reading and discussion of literature among students in grades 4 to 6. They read Nene nominees, discuss them with other students and classes, then vote for their favorite. The winning books are read together, and students submit creative expressions about the books in multiple formats to compete in a contest for prizes. Students, families and teachers attend the annual Nene Awards to compete and learn what the next book will be.



Stacey Aldrich with Ma'ake Kemoeatu

This year HSPLS had a booth to help people discover all of the wonderful resources available through the public library system. There were stations for people to stop and learn more about free digital resources available from anywhere with just a library card, the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Summer Reading Program and to play giant Jenga. Approximately 650 people stopped by the booth over the weekend.

State Librarian, **Stacey Aldrich**, worked with Kristi Yamaguchi's Always Dream Foundation and the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators of Hawaii to coordinate a booth of readings from local authors, celebrities, and librarians. There were readings on the half hour from 10 am – 3 pm each day. Children and families stopped by all day long to hear readings by **Kristi Yamaguchi**, **First Lady Dawn Amano Ige**, **Lee Cataluna**, **Sandra Taga**, and former Superbowl XLVII champion **Ma'ake Kemoeatu**. There was a lot of positive feedback from the children and parents that joined the readings. All three areas were very successful and we will be replicating next year.

HAWAI'I'S KIDS VOTE "ROLLER GIRL" WINNER OF 2017 NĒNĒ AWARD



Roller Girl by **Victoria Jamieson** has been chosen by the children of Hawai'i as the Nēnē Award 2017 winner! Guest speaker **Audra Furuichi**, creator of *Nemu Nemu* and *Blue Hawaii*, announced the winning title to more than 250 invited guests and the general public at the **53rd Annual Nēnē Award Ceremony**.

This marked the first time in recent years the ceremony was open to the public. The free event was held at Mission Memorial Auditorium in conjunction with the 2017 Hawai'i Book and Music Festival.

Roller Girl, a Newbery Honor Award Winner, is a heartwarming graphic novel about friendship and surviving junior high through the power of roller derby. The Nēnē Honor Book Award (runner-up) is "*The One and Only Ivan*" by **Katherine Applegate**.



The annual Nēnē Award is presented to the favorite fiction book based on a vote by the children of Hawai'i in grades 4 through 6. This year, a total of 5,590 students from 62 public libraries and private and public schools statewide voted. Thank you **Perma-Bound Books** for donating a copy of *Roller Girl* to each participating public library and school!

HSPLS Children's Librarians **Danielle Todd** and **Katherine Bengston** served as the 2017-2018 Nēnē Committee Co-Chairpersons.

CIVIL BEAT WATCH PROGRAMS

People today are navigating through a multitude of sources trying to get credible information about national and local events. In the current environment of "Fake News" and alternative facts, the need for news literacy is becoming a growing concern.

In early 2017 the Hawaii State Public Library System partnered with Civil Beat to provide quarterly programs that will cover a range of topics through panel discussions and group conversations to empower attendees to become active and informed news consumers.

This series of programs also has a "Watch Party" element that will allow for the panel discussion to be streamed live to various host libraries across the state for remote attendance and will be archived on Civil Beat's website for future viewing.

- May 18, 2017 Panel 1: Fighting the Flood of Information at Manoa Public Library
- July 29, 2017 Panel 2: Pressure at Odds – Speed vs. Accuracy at Aiea Public Library
- Oct 2017 Panel 3: The Internet Echo Chamber
- Feb 2018 Panel 4: Media in Hawaii – Then and Now

NANAKULI PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATE



Construction is nearing its final phases for the new Nānākuli Public Library. Exterior work of the facility is nearly completed. Exterior and interior painting is finished and doors and windows have been installed. Concrete sidewalks have been poured and the library's parking lot is finished. The Contractor is continuing to work on finalizing the interior finish work and exterior lighting, fences, gates, and landscaping.

Staff will begin moving into the library after construction turnover which is expected for September/October 2017. Library staff is currently working on purchasing materials for the library's book collections and finalizing the programming and services the library will offer. The new library is projected to open to the public in the first quarter of 2018.

LIBRARY ANNIVERSARIES

Molokai Public Library – 80th Anniversary, May 27th

The library opened its doors on May 21, 1937.

The Molokai Public Library's 80th anniversary celebration showcased performances on the front lawn by Halau Hula o Nohikupuhalaui; Halau Hula Ka No eau; music by Na Ohana Hoaloha; special exhibits, and a message of appreciation by State Librarian Stacey Aldrich. Branch Manager, Sri Tencate, who has served as Branch Manager for 31 years, shared "My fondest memory of the library is being part of the community and the HSPLS ohana, getting to know the library users, and being able to successfully assist them with their information and literacy needs. It is my hope that historic Molokai Public Library, the only public library on our island, will continue to be an inviting hub of our community and a favorite gathering place for life-long learning."



Honokaa Public Library – 80th Anniversary, June 15th

Honokaa Public Library marked its 80th Anniversary in grand style! Grammy and Na Hoku Hanohano award winner John Keawe performed slack key music, and keiki



participated in a scavenger hunt for 1937-themed items. A display of the library's history was curated by the Heritage Center at the North Hawaii Research and Education Center. Branch Manager Laura Eiford shared "Honokaa Public Library is the oldest public library building still in operation on Hawaii Island. Our collection features about 18,000 books, 1,800 DVDs, CDs, Audiobooks, magazines and newspapers." The Friends of the Library of Hawaii, Friends of Honokaa Library, County of Hawaii, and the Heritage Center at HNERC sponsored this special anniversary event.

Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library – 25th Anniversary, August 19th

An exciting kung fu demonstration by the Gee Yung International Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association kicked off the 25th Anniversary festivities of Salt Lake-Moanalua Public Library. Magician Glen Bailey mesmerized the audience and congratulatory remarks were shared by area legislators and library administrators. The fun day was capped off with cake and ice cream served by the Friends of Salt Lake Library.



Waiialua Public Library – 90th Anniversary, September 16th

The Waiialua Public Library will be celebrating its 90th Anniversary on Saturday, September 16, 2017, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Waiialua Bandstand in the Park. The event will feature music by the Galliard String Quartet, Spring Wind Quintet, dance by the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society and Hula by Candy Pollack & Halau. In addition, Jeff Cicatko the Ice Cream Man, will perform children's music, followed by cake and ice cream for all. There will be face painting and balloons provided by Bungie the Clown, a community tent with many activities, and book-sale in front of the Waiialua Public Library.



Pahoa Public and School Library – 50th Anniversary, September 18th

Pahoa Public and School Library will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on Monday, September 18th, from 4:00 to 7:00p.m. Located on the campus of Pahoa High and Elementary School, this special event will feature music and hula, a time for Talk-Story and Memories, sharing by Old Friends and New, refreshments and pupus. The public is cordially invited to these free upcoming anniversary events.



A PRESCRIPTION FOR HEALTHY READING IN HAWAII: RESOURCES AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

In April, the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) concluded a pilot literacy project on Oahu in partnership with the Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children's Pediatric Clinic. HSPLS obtained funding from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific Southwest Region (NNLM) to purchase books and conduct informative library orientation and health resources workshops for patients with the intent on reaching Micronesian families. The clinic was a valuable partner as Micronesians encompass 50 to 70 percent of their patients and are an under-served library population.

From January to April 2017, patients of the clinic, including parents and caregivers, were invited to sign-up for a library card. In the end, 331 children, teens and adults received library cards. The children and teens were given special coupons to redeem at any of our Oahu public libraries for a free health, nutrition or exercise book. Two library orientation and health resources workshops were conducted at Kalihi-Palama and Waipahu Public Libraries. The workshops drew mostly seniors and health professionals who were interested in learning about our health resources; however, our target group of Micronesian families did not attend.

While the library card campaign at the clinic was successful, getting these new card holders to visit the libraries was less so. Only eight of the children and teens visited the public libraries to obtain their free book. Our passive strategy of offering a free book incentive was not enough to motivate our target group to visit the library.

Our most successful and enriching experience was an outreach event in partnership with Linapuni Elementary School's Parent Community Networking Center and a faith-based group called *A Teacher's Heart*. 22 Micronesian children and 13 parents listened to stories, did craft activities and received free health, nutrition and exercise books provided by the NNLM grant. The children and their parents were introduced to our library's programs, services and health resources.

Experiences gained through this grant have caused us to develop different approaches to reaching Micronesians in our communities and inviting them into our branches. Public libraries seem to be unfamiliar places to many Micronesians and the availability of publications in various Micronesian languages is scarce. More productive strategies for future outreach events include: reaching out into the community and partnering with leaders, churches and service workers supporting the Micronesians; simplifying our messages about our programs and services; and working with small groups. In September, we will participate in another parent and caregiver workshop with Linapuni Elementary School's Parent Community Networking Center. HSPLS is grateful to the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific Southwest Region and Kapiolani Pediatric Clinic for the opportunity to work on this valuable literacy pilot project.



SMART INVESTING @YOUR LIBRARY GRANT



In the Spring of 2017, HSPLS completed the Smart Investing @ Your Library grant activities. The goals of this ambitious three-year project were to: 1) provide reliable financial literacy programming and resources for Hawaii's keiki to kupuna; 2) increase financial knowledge of target audiences; 3) identify and engage audiences in financial literacy programs at Hawaii's public libraries; and 4) increase HSPLS staff competency in providing financial education information. Miriam Sato, Section Head of the Business, Science and Technology Section of the Hawaii State Library, served as the project's principal coordinator.

Showdown at Cash Canyon, a theatrical performance by the National Children's Theatre, was a fun way to introduce young children to the basics of money, how it is made and ways to manage and save. Funding allowed *Showdown* to be shown at 16 schools on all the major islands, reaching thousands of students.

In partnership with Junior Achievement (JA), students in two classes at Kaimuki High School were taught the important aspects of *Personal Finance* by Rotary Club guest trainers. Future plans include working with the host teacher to encourage other Academies in other high schools to consider hosting JA financial programs to benefit students as current basic financial information is missing in secondary education curriculum.

For adults and kupuna, financial literacy programs on avoiding scams and fraud, improving credit and reducing debt, budgeting and saving, Social Security, Medicare and preparing for retirement were hosted by public libraries throughout this grant project. Program partners included the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Hawaii. At-risk clients received in-depth 4-hour *Kahua Waiwai* financial education workshops at 11 public libraries statewide led by staff from Hawaiian Community Assets.

The design and development of a financial literacy webpage was finally completed in the late Spring of 2017. Patrons can now visit the HSPLS website (librarieshawaii.org) to access basic information on frequently asked financial literacy questions such as: Saving, bankruptcy, credit, insurance, investments, managing debt, paying for education, planning for retirement, preventing fraud, and protecting your identity. Grant funds also allowed the purchase of 36 sets (8-volumes each) of *Financial Basics* by Grey House Publishing to be added into branch library collections.

HSPLS is grateful to grant sponsors the American Library Association and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority's (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation, the Friends of the Library of Hawaii, and our local community partners for their assistance throughout this grant project.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



Mallory Fujitani

Mallory Fujitani, Office of the State Librarian

Mallory comes to the Library System with over 20 years of state and county government experience, which includes working with legislators, public communication and coordinating projects. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California. Mallory's family includes her husband Riki and three children.



Diane Arakaki

Diane Arakaki, Administrative Services Officer

Diane has over 30 years of experience in financial and administrative management with local, state, federal and for special district governments agencies in Hawaii, Oregon, California, New York City, and Washington, D.C. She also has experience managing enterprise resource planning (ERP) system and related financial system implementation projects for various local and state government agencies. Originally from Honolulu, Diane spent most of her professional career on the mainland after attending Pitzer College in Claremont, California, and receiving her Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California.



Jennifer Mori-Kilbey

Jennifer Mori-Kilbey, Departmental Human Resources Officer II

Jennifer has more than 12 years of dedicated public service, and has extensive experience in working in the human resources field. She has a Master's in Education in Counseling and Guidance. Jennifer has three awesome kids and enjoys spending time with her family.

SURF-A-BOOK FESTIVAL

HAWAII STATE LIBRARY AND SCBWI-HAWAII PRESENT

SURF-A-BOOK FESTIVAL

Catch a children's book or learn to craft your own stories with local authors & illustrators.

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 23, 2017
10 am – 1:30 pm**

Hawaii State Library
478 South King Street

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A Celebration of Children's Literature in Hawai'i. Join us for free presentations, activities, read alouds and book signings, a book exhibit and panel discussions. For sign language interpreter or other accommodation please contact the library at least 10 days in advance. For more information please call the Children's Section @ 586-3510

The Hawaii State Public Library System has partnered with the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators of Hawaii to create the first Surf-a-Book Festival to celebrate children's literature in Hawaii. This one-day event at the Hawaii State Library will include readings by local authors and illustrators, activities, book signings, a book exhibit and panel discussions for children's book writers and illustrators.

We are honored to have **First Lady Dawn Amano-Ige** as our welcoming speaker, and a wonderful group of authors and illustrators who will be reading their stories and sharing the creative process. Authors and illustrators attending include: **Joy Au, Chris Carvalho, Kirsten Carlson, Ellie Crowe, David Estes, Leslie Hayashi, Dani Hickman, Lavonne Leong, Christin Lozano, Alina Niemi, Elizabeth Oh, Jessica Orfe, Tammy Yee** and more.

This event is all about reading and supporting the creative storytelling spirit within each of us. We invite everyone to join us for this exciting event.