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SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS FROM LBPD-HONOLULU

Aloha Kākou! It is wonderful to connect once again as we head into a glorious summer season. This is indeed a time for connections, both here at home and with people from other places. These connections remind us of the blessings we enjoy, and also allow us to share and learn from family, friends, coworkers, and new acquaintances about their many experiences. Together, we can make for a better future for all. In April, LBPD Manager Matthew Brown attended a conference in Sacramento that brought together staff members from National Library Service (NLS) network libraries in the western part of the country and NLS staff from Washington, D.C. to learn about best practices in our libraries, and also to discuss future projects. Your nationwide library system is strong and each library benefits from being part of this network. Closer to home LBPD Hawaii hosted our counterpart library staff from Guam for several days in May. Our Guam friends worked alongside local staff to learn about the operations of the Duplication on Demand system, the way in which we are able to create custom-built audio cartridges for each of our library patrons to use with their Digital Talking Book Machines. It will be a huge benefit for the folks in Guam once they come up online. Within the Hawaii LBPD facility we're continuing to make progress with the fiber-optic cable installation. When completed and fully tested this new installation will give us the ability to provide an online stream of our radio

reading service broadcast and reach many more people around the state who don't currently have any FM radio access to our radio reading service. The progress has been slow, but steady, and we're all really looking forward to this enhancement.

HSPLS SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Do you remember last summer when we were all reading, and having fun, and maybe thinking about winning some Alaska Airlines tickets? Well, the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) Summer Reading Challenge is back, and every bit as fun as last year's program. It runs a full two months this year, through the end of July. We even have a local theme this time: E Heluhelu Kākou – Let's Read: Seeds of Knowledge. Remember, the more you read, the more fun you'll have, and if you call the library and let us know each week how much you've read you become eligible for prizes, including those Alaska Airlines tickets! Just call the library each week at 808-733-8444, let us know who you are, and how many minutes you've read that week. That's all you'll need to do! It's fun, and we love hearing from you. Of course, if you would like to tell us about what you're reading we would really enjoy that too. Any kind of reading is fair game including all formats and genres. Braille, audio, BARD or other download, large print, fiction, non-fiction, anything really is just fine. If you'd like some suggestions for reading materials, or if there's something you would like we're happy to help with that too. Just give us a call.

NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE (NLS) SUMMER PROGRAM

In some exciting news this summer NLS will be hosting a series of special Summer Reading Program events. While each event requires registration these opportunities are open to not only registered patrons, but also may be enjoyed by family and friends. When you consider the following list of

opportunities you will quickly understand that these could be great programs to involve your whole family with something for all ages to enjoy. In particular, NLS was able to arrange for a series of writers of some of the most popular literature today to provide weekly author talks, story times, and even some music. Content for each week varies from Pre-K all the way up through Adult audiences. Here's how to participate:

Library patrons must register to attend each of the free NLS summer events, which will be held virtually on Zoom. Please note that most of these events will not be recorded or posted online due to NLS agreements with the authors and publishers.

Here is the schedule:

Kickoff event (all ages): Monday, June 26, at 4:00 pm EDT, with Librarian of Congress Dr. Carla Hayden. [Librarian of Congress Dr. Carla Hayden kickoff event](#)

Author talk (adult): Thursday, June 29, at 7:00 pm EDT, with Shelby Van Pelt, author of Remarkably Bright Creatures. [Shelby Van Pelt author talk](#)

Story time and music (designed for K–3rd grade, but all are welcome): Thursday, July 6, at 7:00 pm EDT, with Matt Mazur. [Matt Mazur author talk](#)

Author talk (designed for middle grades, but all are welcome): Tuesday, July 11, at 7:00 pm EDT, with Celia Perez, author of The First Rule of Punk.

[Celia Perez author talk](#)

Author talk (designed for K–5th grade, but all are welcome): Saturday, July 22, at 1:00 pm EDT, with Annette Bay Pimentel, author of *All the Way to the Top: How One Girl's Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything*, and Jennifer Keelan-Chaffins, whose story is told in the book.

[Annette Bay Pimentel author talk](#)

Author talk (designed for YA and middle grades, but all are welcome): Thursday, July 27, at 7:00 pm EDT, with Kwame Alexander, author of *The Crossover*. [Kwame Alexander author talk](#)

Author talk (designed for YA, but all are welcome): Thursday, August 3, at 7:00 pm EDT, with Jenny Torres Sanchez, author of *We Are Not from Here*. [Jenny Torres Sanchez author talk](#)

If you are able to attend an event, please give us a call at 808-733-8444 and let us know what you thought about the program. If there was any reading involved we can count that toward your Summer Reading Challenge minutes too!

HURRICANE SEASON REMINDERS (JUNE THRU NOVEMBER)

The 2023 Hurricane Season is here, and it's important to be prepared with a good plan. The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency cites six important planning factors to help people be safer and more resilient in

the event of a hurricane. 1. Know your hazards where you live, work, and play. 2. Sign up for county alerts at [County alerts](#). 3. Develop an action plan for you and your family. 4. Prepare an emergency kit for a two week. 5.

Assess your insurance needs and consider additional protections. 6. Ensure your home is strengthened for severe weather.

E HELUHELU KĀKOU – POSSIBLE SUMMER READS:

I Heard Said the Bird, by Polly Berrien Berends (HIB 00408) (J - Seedlings – uncontracted) The animals in the barnyard discuss the new one that is coming and discover there is a new baby in the house. 7 pages

It's Not Easy Being a Bunny, by Marilyn Sadler (HIB 00409) (J - Seedlings – uncontracted) P.J. Funnybunny tries living with bears, birds, beavers, pigs, moose, possums, and skunks. 13 pages.

The Kissing Hand, by Audrey Penn (HIB 00410) (J - Seedlings – uncontracted) Chester the raccoon is reluctant to go to kindergarten for the first time until his mother teaches him a secret way to carry her love with him. 11 pages

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs, by Judi Barrett (HIB 00411) (J – Seedlings – uncontracted) Life is delicious in the town of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and juice, snows mashed potatoes, and blows storms of hamburgers. 22 pages

We Are Water Protectors, by Carole Lindstrom (BR 23733 – J) When a black snake threatens to destroy the Earth and poison her people's water, one young water protector takes a stand to defend Earth's most sacred resource. 44 pages

If You Come to Earth, by Sophie Blackall (BR 23734 – J) A boy writes to an imagined alien explaining all the things he will need to know about the Earth. 76 pages

I Talk Like a River, by Jordan Scott (BR 23736 – J) When a child has a bad speech day at school, his father gives him a new perspective on his stuttering. 44 pages

The Boy Whose Head Was Filled With Stars: A Life of Edwin Hubble, by Isabelle Marinov (BR 23752 – J) “How many stars are in the sky? How did the universe begin? Where did it come from?” This is the story of Edwin Hubble. 57 pages

This is My Brain in Love, by I.W. Gregorio (BR 24153 – YA Fiction) Junior Jocelyn, best friend Priya, and classmate Will face school challenges, relationship questions, and the basic needs of self and families.

Chris Beat Cancer: A Comprehensive Plan for Healing Naturally, by Chris Wark (BR 23919 – Adult Non Fiction) At 26, Chris Wark faced a diagnosis of stage-3 colon cancer, but approached his condition through a diet and healthy-living approach.

The Diet-Free Revolution: 10 Steps to Free Yourself From the Diet Cycle With Mindful Eating and Radical Self-Acceptance, by Alexis Conason (BR 23926 – Adult Non Fiction) A guide for leaving diet culture and healing your relationship with food.

True: The Four Seasons of Jackie Robinson, by Kostya Kennedy (BR 24195 – Adult Biography) A probing, richly-detailed, unique biography of one of America’s most significant baseball figures.

Silverview, by John Le Carre (BR 24249 – Adult Fiction) A mesmerizing story... the last complete masterwork from one of the greatest novelists of our age.

Anno's Magic Seeds, by Mitsumasa Anno (DB 41329 – J) A wizard gives Jack two seeds, tells him to eat one and plant the other. See what happens!

Rosa's Special Garden, by Dale Fife (DB 24707 – J) A four year old girl plants a special garden where animals can visit.

The Thief and the Beanstalk, by P.W. Catanese (DB 64171 – J) A desperate young orphan breaks into Jack's castle to steal some magic beans. What could go wrong?

Princess in Black, by Shannon Hale (Series – J) In a multi-part series join the Princess in Black in surprising exploits and adventures. (Contact LBPD for ordering information)

The Pod and the Bog, by Asia Citro (DB 105873 – J) Friends work together to discover the needs of a magical plant before all its seeds turn to purple dust.

Ride the Wind: Airborne Journeys of Animals and Plants, by Seymour Simon. (DB 47565 – J) Non fiction exploration of the migration of various creatures, and seasonal changes as they impact plant and animal life alike.

How Does a Seed Sprout, by Melissa Stewart (DB 83934 – J) Non fiction explanation of seeds transforming to plants, the parts of plants, and how plants survive and thrive.

Miracle Season, by Beth Hautala (DB 110144 – YA) Facing family secrets and school-age challenges, Persephone gets some unexpected help and discovers the benefit of planting seeds of truth.

Overthrow, by Kenneth Oppel (Series – YA) Three friends must think and act quickly in response to odd black plants that give off toxins and are taking over the world. (Contact LBPD for ordering information)

The Story of Seeds from Mendel’s Garden to Your Plate, and How There’s More of Less to Eat Around the World, by Nancy Castaldo (DB 84286 – YA) Non fiction account of the history of seeds and the diminishing crop diversity brought about by big farming and other external factors.

The Able Gardener: Overcoming Barriers of Age and Physical Limitations, by Kathleen Yeomans (DB 40311 – Adult) Non fiction gardening using adaptive techniques and easy care of plants that are fragrant, textured, edible, or even audible.

Seeds of Change: Five Plants That Transformed Mankind, by Henry Hobhouse (DB 25466 – Adult) Non fiction work describing five substances derived from plants that have been vital factors in the progress of human history.

Seeds of Hope: Wisdom and Wonder From the World of Plants, by Jane Goodall and Gail Hudson (DB 78620 – Adult) Non fiction work exploring a family garden and African jungles. Includes excerpts from botanists around the world.

The Book of Potpourri: Fragrant Flower Mixes for Scenting & Decorating the Home, by Penny Black (DB 31085 – Adult) Non fiction work

considering ways to mix various flower petals, aromatic seeds, spices and essential oils to create pleasantly scented rooms. Provides resources.

White Lies: The Double Life of Walter F. White and America's Darkest Secret, by A.J. Baime (DB 108014 – Adult Biography) Non fiction book exploring the life and work of Walter F. White, a key figure in the Civil Rights movement and a principal leader of the NAACP.

Forty Chances: Finding Hope in a Hungry World, by Howard G. Buffett (DB 78733 – Adult) Non fiction account of a farmer, the son of Warren Buffett, and his world philanthropic efforts to extend opportunities to those in need.

The Triumph of Seeds: How Grains, Nuts, Kernels, Pulses, and Pips Conquered the Plant Kingdom and Shaped Human History, by Thor Hanson (DB 81894 – Adult) Non fiction account of a biologist examining the impact of seeds on the development of human history.

The Midnight Library, by Matt Haig (DB 100906 – Adult) Imagine waking up in mysterious library, somewhere half way between life and death, and the shelves are filled with accounts of all the things your life might have been under different circumstances.

The Seed Keeper, by Diane Wilson (DB 105284 – Adult) Removed from ancestral lands as a child, Rosalie Iron Wing learns about her Dakota forebears and the importance of protecting seeds through countless trials while rediscovering relationships to ancestors.

A Simple Murder: A Kate Burkholder Short Story Collection, by Linda Castillo (DB 109583 – Adult) A collection of six short stories starring the Chief of Police, Kate Burkholder.

Harvest Moon: A Riverbend Romance, by Denise Hunter (DB 112633 – Adult) A separated couple are brought back together through unforeseen circumstances – will the sparks rekindle a relationship, or burn down the house?

The Night of the Triffids, by Simon Clark (DB 112072 – Adult) A sequel to the Day of Triffids, this book picks up where the last left off, a world overwhelmed by killer plants.

Funny Farm: My Unexpected Life With 600 Rescue Animals, by Laurie Zaleski (LT 14237 – Adult Autobiography) In honor of her recently deceased mother, Laurie determines to make her mother's dream her own and establishes a 15-acre farm in Southern New Jersey to care for rescued animals.

Half American: The Epic Story of African Americans Fighting WWII at Home and Abroad, by Matthew F. Delmont (LT 14240 – Adult) In a time when the questions WWII raised regarding race and democracy in America remain troublingly relevant and unanswered, this meticulously researched retelling makes for urgently necessary listening.

Betty White's Pearls of Wisdom: Life Lessons From a Beloved American Treasure, by Paul Sullivan (LT 14242 – Adult) A glimpse into the personal relationship between the author and Betty White, and the wisdom she imparted that forever transformed their lives.

The Night Travelers, by Armando Lucas Correa (LT 14225 – Adult) The saga of four women of different generations over a span of 57 years and the quest to embody the power of motherly love. Their stories span from Nazi Germany, to Batista-era Cuba, and then back to late 1980s Berlin.

One Way to Boot Hill, by Max O'Hara (LT 14231 – Adult) Wolf Stockburn pursues a gang of thieves who robbed and killed the crew of the Boot Hill Express train, and his only clue is a hoof print showing a faint star shape.

The Edge of Summer, by Jeannette Walls (LT 14234 – Adult) Grieving the recent loss of her private, but loving mother, Sutton Douglas sets out to find the answers about her mother's life, and also to find her own place in the world.

As a reminder, LBDP makes DVDs with descriptive audio available for loan as well. Give us a call if you are interested in this service.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

LBDP will be closed on the following holidays:

- Monday, June 12 – Kamehameha Day
- Tuesday, July 4 – Independence Day
- Friday, August 18 – Statehood Day
- Monday, September 4 – Labor Day

FINAL NOTES

On behalf of your entire LBDP staff here in Honolulu, we wish you a wonderful season, that you enjoy some of the fantastic books we have to offer, and most especially, we hope that you give us a call so we can catch up with you.

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