



Librarian's Report

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Princeville Public Library

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Collection Development

I read reviews from professional resources such as *Library Journal*, as well as popular sources such as *Entertainment Weekly*, to select new books and DVDs that will appeal to our patrons. If a title seems like it has broad appeal, I suggest it for the statewide order lists.

In addition, I continue to buy books with high "holds" lists as well as items requested by patrons.

The materials I bought this month include Pokemon books for children, replacement copies of classic children's picture books, guides for teaching library skills to children, and children's mysteries. I also added titles from the Children's Summer Reading booklists so that most are available at our branch.

I weeded our Easy Readers and adult business books (650s)...I'm making my way through the library, refreshing our collection by removing outdated and beat-up books, then buying new ones.

Programs

Our two special programs this month were **Don McConnell's "A History of Kilauea Point"** (for the Kilauea Lighthouse's 100th anniversary celebration) on May 1st and **Free Comic Book Day** on May 4th.



Don McConnell's humorous and educational lecture on the history of Kilauea Point attracted a crowd of 90 people!



Don McConnell and his lovely wife, Laura (who serves as the current president of the Friends of the North Shore Library at Princeville)



Substitute library assistant Kathleen Carollo hands out free comics for Free Comic Book Day



“Superman” Mike Dexter-Smith (a new Friends board member) poses with a young comics fan (and his autographed comics sampler!)

Also, we launched our **Summer Reading Program** for children, teens and adults on May 28th. In the first week, everyone collectively read over 300 books! The program will continue until July 6th for a total of 6 weeks.

Children’s Program

This month, we tried a new program called “**Toys ‘n’ Tots**” which is inspired by similar programs hosted by the Kapolei and Waiialua libraries on Oahu. I purchased educational toys and manipulatives such as building blocks, peg boards, jigsaw puzzles, etc. using money raised by the Friends of the North Shore Library at Princeville and discretionary funds released by the State Librarian.

The young children who participated were delighted by the puzzles and toys, and it provided a fun way for them to interact with their parents and other children. Another benefit is that it kept families in the habit of visiting the library on Thursday mornings for storytime when it re-started in June!



Staff

Our vacant Library Technician V position is in recruitment to be filled.

Facilities

The Friends of the North Shore Library at Princeville generously approved monies this year to have the library's roof cleaned. Several years ago, a contractor cleaned the roof, but it's time to clean it again. The Friends received a couple bids for the project and have since hired contractor Ray Newton of Sun Windows (as of 6/5/13) to power wash the roof and treat the tiles with a product that will prevent mildew.

Community Relations

On May 17th, I visited Kilauea School to present about the children's summer reading program to two 2nd grade classes (Chris Skabo and Michelle Gibson). The kids oohed and aahed over the reading incentives and special treasure chest prizes, and I reminded them that the main thing is the fun of reading itself...and that there is a good book for everyone! ☺

On May 29th, I participated in a special board meeting of the Friends of the North Shore Library at Princeville to discuss progress on the roof cleaning and goal of beautifying the library's exterior.

On May 30th, I attended the Hawaii Board of Education Kauai Community Meeting at Kanuikapono Learning Center in Anahola. I learned more about the values of the Hawaiian-focused public charter schools on Kauai and met various individuals involved with education on Kauai.

Public Service Stats

- Items checked out: 5610
- Items checked in: 5233
- Requests placed: 214
- Holds picked up: 538
- New borrowers registered: 79 (increase of 6% from May 2012)
- New items added to collection: 339