



Librarian's Report

January/February 2014

Princeville Public Library

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Programs

On January 15th, the library hosted Dr. Carl Safina, author of *Eye of the Albatross*. Dr. Safina's writing has been recognized by many prominent book awards such as New York Times Notable Book of the Year. Over 175 people came to hear him speak about the travel he has done around the world to study albatrosses, in particular an albatross named Amelia who was tracked by satellite. The author also donated copies of his books to the library.



(l to r) Mrs. Safina, Dr. Safina, and myself



There was standing room only from the start of the program!

On February 1st, Princeville Public Library hosted the statewide He Lei, He Aloha program which honored Queen Liliu`okalani. This was a highly interactive program which featured volunteers from the audience reading excerpts from *Hawaii's Story by Hawaii's Queen*, group singing of pieces written by the queen, and a brief discussion.



One of the volunteer readers sharing words written by Queen Liliu`okalani



Meleanna served as the program narrator.

91 people came to hear Jean Souza’s talk on whale watching and counting on February 12th. Jean is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Programming Coordinator for the island. We are also working with Jean to plan programs for the summer related to ocean science, to go along with this year’s science-inspired themes for the Summer Reading Program.

Dr. Sig Kutter completed his trilogy of astronomy lectures with “The Milky Way” on February 26th. Community members and visitors have remarked upon how much they appreciate Dr. Kutter’s engaging style of teaching. 76 people came to this event.

Children’s Program

Offering our Toddler Storytime program on Friday mornings was a hit—about 45 people participated each morning. On January 31st, we set a new record of 62 people, including 36 children! We had to move from our Children’s Room to the Program Area because we needed more room for everyone. We saw familiar faces and lots of new ones too.

Here are some photo highlights from the winter storytime series:



Using a party blower as the elephant’s trunk...this little girl cracked up every time!



Eric and I did a puppet show starring Elephant and Piggie.



Durbin was proud of his watermelon slice!

Community Relations

I participated in the Keiki to Career meeting for after-school program providers for youth on Kauaʻi (February 27th). Keiki to Career is an initiative from the Kauaʻi Planning and Action Alliance which aims to prepare young people to be “ready to learn and ready for life.” I learned about other organizations serving youth and informed the group of the library’s services for children, including our summer reading program.

This year we continued our partnership with AARP TaxAide. The group’s volunteers assist the public with filing their taxes on four Wednesday afternoons.

Public Service Stats

	January 2014	February 2014
# Patrons Registered for Library Cards	104 (almost 10% increase from January 2013!)	75
# Library Materials Borrowed	7604	7381
# New Materials Added	103	84