

# Librarian's Report

March/April 2014

Princeville Public Library | Michelle Young, Branch Manager

## Programs

The biggest recent event was our celebration of Princeville Public Library's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 16<sup>th</sup> (the library opened on April 14, 1999).



Part of our new Native Hawaiian plant garden at the front entrance



Birthday cake baked with fun and love by Friends member Anne Schneider



John Keawe performed slack key guitar for our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which coincided with National Library Week.



Thanks to the University of Hawaii Statewide Cultural Extension Program for a great program!



Koko Kaneali`i spoke about the music and entertainment industry in Hawaii (March 12).



Dr. Andre Raine taught us how to identify endangered seabirds on Kauai (April 9).

**AARP TaxAide** volunteers assisted the public with completing their federal and state tax forms in the library on several Wednesdays in March.

### Children's Programs

We offered our **Toys 'n' Tots** playtime for young children in March. About 25 people attended each session.

In April, we switched to our **toddler storytime** program. The average attendance was 32 people for each program (15-20 toddlers and their grownups). We read, sang, and did crafts related to ducks, sheep, and using our imagination.

### Collection Development

We now offer music CDs for the public to browse and borrow. We are focusing our collection on **Hawaiian music** since one of our goals is to promote and celebrate the cultural heritages represented in Hawaii. We also have a modest collection of children's music CDs.

### Facilities & Grounds

The small enclosed room in the library is now a dedicated **Silent Reading Room**. People are using this room regularly to concentrate on their reading and studying.

### Professional Development

Eric Larsen (Library Assistant III) and I attended the **2014 Public Libraries Association Virtual Conference**. We are grateful for the support from the HSPLS administration (State Librarian and Public Libraries Branch) to participate in this learning opportunity. We heard about what other libraries across the United States are doing to improve services for their communities and hope to apply some of their best practices to our own community.

## Community Relations



We appreciate that **Representative Derek Kawakami** and other Kauai legislators honored the **Friends of the North Shore Library at Princeville** for their commitment to supporting Princeville Public Library for the past 15 years—since the very beginning!

The Friends ran their quarterly book sale on March 1<sup>st</sup> to raise funds for supplemental materials, supplies, and programs. The next book sale will be held on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Friends member **Michael Dexter-Smith** claimed two plants native to the North Shore of Kaua`i which **Mayor Bernard Carvalho** gave to the Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay. These plants have been added to our Native Hawaiian garden at the front entrance.

In the upcoming months, we will be partnering with **Jean Souza** and **Yumi Yasutake** from **NOAA-Kauai** to offer ocean-related educational programming.

## Public Service Stats

	March 2014	April 2014
<b># Patrons Registered for Library Cards</b>	64	57
<b># Library Materials Borrowed</b>	7111	7112 (almost 10% increase from 2013)
<b># New Materials Added</b>	319 (37% increase from 2013)	287 (19% increase from 2013)