



## ACADEMIC

The library at your college or university is a wonderful multi faceted place filled with talented people and rich resources. At the heart of any college or university is a great library ready to add value to scholarship and learning for students and faculty.

### Yes, you can...

- Help students find what they need for their studies.
- Teach students how to evaluate information.
- Provide scholars the information needed for their research and teaching.
- Help the faculty find the right information for their students.
- Provide different types of space for students to gather.

### Yes, we do...

- Add value to the educational enterprise.
- Provide the services for study and scholarship.
- Teach about information and its uses.

### Yes, please...

- ♥ Find out about what is happening at the library.
- ♥ Express your support for library services.



## GOVERNMENT LIBRARIES

Government libraries and information centers are quite diverse; the only common characteristic is their funding by government entity. Examples of government libraries include the Municipal Reference Center (City & County of Honolulu), Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies Library, East West Center, and "public" type libraries on military installations. Access may be restricted to those who are affiliated with the particular government entity providing the library services.

### Yes, you can...

- Though their missions are varied, you can usually borrow materials, conduct research, and access databases at these libraries.
- Increase knowledge to fulfill civic responsibilities and promote better understanding between countries.
- Pursue your need for general information, education, and recreation.

### Yes, we do...

- These modern libraries are capable of reaching beyond the walls of their institutions to retrieve information or to provide information remotely.
- Military libraries provide access to databases, reading materials and audio books for our Service Members, wherever in the world they happen to be serving.

### Yes, please...

- ♥ Recognize the role government libraries play in helping their organizations fulfill their mission and assist their constituents.
- ♥ The valuable services they provide bear a cost and require funding to continue.

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Visit your professional organizations:  
 HASL- Hawaii Association of School Librarians <http://hasl.ws>  
 HLA-Hawaii Library Association [www.hlalibrary.org](http://www.hlalibrary.org)  
 LAH-Librarian Association of Hawaii  
 SLA-Special Libraries Association- Hawaiian Pacific Chapter  
<http://units.sla.org/chapter/chip/>  
 LIS-UHM-Library and Information Science Program at UH  
 Manoa

## HAWAII'S LIBRARIES



## YES, YOU CAN...



## YES, WE DO...



## YES, PLEASE...



## SUPPORT & ADVOCATE

# PUBLIC LIBRARIES

With 3.7 million items in our collections and over 860,000 Cardholders, the Hawaii State Public Library System is a tremendous resource to all Hawaii residents. With library branches on each of the six major islands, our mission is to teach and nurture the love of reading and lifelong learning by providing access to education, information, programs and services to all of our residents in all walks of life and at each stage of their lives.

Start your discovery of your local library from the website:  
[www.librarieshawaii.org](http://www.librarieshawaii.org).

## Yes, you can...

- **Borrow** books, music CDs, DVDs, audio books and magazines.
- Use a **computer** to search the **internet** or to type a document using OpenOffice.
- Read materials in **foreign languages**.
- Access **online databases** in the library and from home via the internet.
- Ask a librarian a reference question 24/7 using e-reference.
- Download an audio book or e-book from the library's website.
- Enjoy **Story time** with your child.
- Attend a program on a wide variety of subjects.

## Yes, we do...

- Have meeting rooms to rent at selected branches.
- Accept passport applications at selected branches.
- Conduct school visits to elementary, middle and high school classrooms to engage students with the newest books and inform them about the public library services.
- Proctor exams at selected branches.
- Provide a conduit for community programs and resources.

## Yes, please...

- ♥ Support your library and ensure the continuing availability of resources by; coming for a visit, attending a program or logging on to the website and using some of the online resources.
- ♥ Support your library by contacting your elected officials and letting them know how you value your local public library. Here are some helpful tips on how to become an effective library advocate:
  - ♥ Contact can be via a phone call, email or through a written letter.
  - ♥ Identify yourself (include your contact information) and which library you use.
  - ♥ State your message, be specific and brief but write from your heart.



# SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Both public and private schools have school libraries whose patrons are pre-K through grade 12 learners, faculty and staff, and other members of the school community. School librarians teach students to effectively and ethically navigate today's information world so they can be successful.

## Yes, you can...

- Visit your school library along with your child.
- Support your child's use of the library for school projects.
- Encourage your child to read for information and for pleasure

## Yes, we do...

- Teach critical information, research, technology, and communication skills.
- Collaborate with teachers to integrate content standards and *Standards for the 21st Century Learner*.
- Build partnerships with teachers, parents, and the community to boost student learning.
- Strive to ensure the school library is well-equipped and available to support curriculum and student interests.

## Yes, please...

- ♥ Get to know the school library and the resources that support learning.
- ♥ Get involved with events at the school library.
- ♥ Volunteer at the school library by shelving books, preparing displays, etc.
- ♥ Advocate the importance of the school library to your community.



# SPECIAL LIBRARIES

Special libraries provide information on specialized subjects such as law, medicine, engineering and astronomy. They also serve specialized patrons such as law students, astronomy students or employees of non-profits or private businesses.

Examples of **state-funded** libraries are the Supreme Court Law Library or the John A. Burns School of Medicine Health Sciences Library.

Examples of **federally-funded** libraries are the US Court Library or the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Library.

Examples of **privately-funded** libraries are the Mission Houses Museum Library or the Bishop Museum Library and Archives.

## Yes, you can...

- Access databases, books, periodicals and photographs for research and study within the library.
- Access resources via the websites of many special libraries.
- Request research assistance for individuals, businesses and community organizations.

## Yes, we do...

- The Hawaii Legislative Reference Bureau Library has a blog that informs readers of new resources:  
<http://1streading.blogspot.com/>
- Hawaii Business Research Library – Maui provides expert research assistance to individuals, businesses and the greater small business community.

## Yes, please...

- ♥ Recognize the unique role that professional librarians play in selecting and organizing access to information resources.
- ♥ Discover the special libraries in your community and get to know the services they can offer.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact your professional organizations. To print this brochure, please visit [hlweb.org](http://hlweb.org) > Resources > Advocacy